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## Princeton Woman's Account of Escape Wins National Prize

When she began to write an account of her odyssey, Princeton resident Anca Niculin found it almost impossible to reduce the story to 500 words or less. Like hundreds of other recent immigrants to the United States, however, she persevered and managed to produce a condensed version of her trip for the "Journey Home Contest."

Unlike most of the other entrants, Ms. Niculin wrote such a compelling essay that she was awarded a first prize — along with 25 other immigrants from across America.

Now married and the mother of three American children, Ms. Niculin told the story of her defection 22 years ago from Romania — "at the time Europe's most oppressive dictatorship."

Sponsored by The New York Times, and presented by an organization called "New York City 100," the contest is part of a year-long observance that "celebrates the new century and salutes New York City as the immigrant capital of the world," according to a contest brochure.

According to contest guidelines, Ms. Niculin explained, the essay not only had to be brief, but contestants were to be judged on originality and power of inspiration. "I decided to focus on the moment." Some of the details she did not include, discussed in a recent interview, could be material for a thriller.

The essay's focal moment was Ms. Niculin's final telephone conversation with her father in December 1977, when — fearful of a wire tap — they had to pretend they were saying casual good-byes before Ms. Niculin set out on a holiday. She was ostensibly taking part in a student architects' exchange visit to Algeria.

Not even her closest friends knew she would not be coming back. "Should they ever be questioned about me, they must appear innocent," she explained. No one knew her plans except her mother and father. Only 22 at the time, she, herself, could not foresee her final destination.

Describing the phone conversa-

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## PRS Puts the Brakes on Capital Spending

The Princeton Regional School District has put a hold on all capital improvement expenditures in the \$38.9 million 1999-2000 budget.

Interim Superintendent Richard Marasco explained at the board meeting of August 17, that not enough money was allocated in the budget to make the improvements and — at the same time — to cover teacher and staff salaries.

There was not enough money in the district's 1998-99 budget to pay salary increases to members of the Princeton Regional Education Association, retroactive to June 1998. The district, therefore, had to allocate funds from the 1999-00 budget for the 1998-99 retroactive increase, as well as for contractual increases due in 1999-00.

"In most districts, the capital improvements would have been part of ongoing maintenance," Dr. Marasco said. "Maintenance has been deferred so long in Princeton that the dollar amount needed makes each project a capital expense."

The 1999-00 budget included a total capital expense amount of

about \$750,000. Bathroom renovation at Community Park School, a computer lab upgrade at Johnson Park, and replacement of the heating and ventilating systems at Littlebrook and Community Park Schools were part of that amount.

So, too, were a district-wide computer technology upgrade for \$150,000; and window replacements at the high school for \$45,000.

Having postponed necessary maintenance improvements in the interests of budget management, the district is also considering major expansion and, possibly, a bond referendum question on the April 2000 school election ballot.

Its long-range planning task force has been meeting regularly to develop proposals for meeting

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## Former Lacrosse Player's Death Inspires Scholarship & Reunion

Some of the greatest sports stories, the ones that affect us the most, and do the most good, happen off the field.

When Magic Johnson disclosed he was HIV positive, it drove the point home to many that AIDS does not discriminate.

Mickey Mantle's public, losing fight with the ravages of alcoholism probably made some kids think twice about drinking — kids who never saw him play.

Bobby Campbell was not famous like Magic or Mickey. Campbell was

a captain on Princeton High's lacrosse team in 1978; he then played at Penn State, and later coached PHS for three seasons in the early 80's; his death in a car crash in West Windsor last spring did not make national headlines.

But his tragedy is similar to the other two in that some positives have come of it. Campbell's accident helped persuade authorities to install a traffic light where he died — a dangerous intersection that had claimed others before.

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**HOT WHEELS:** Michelino Serra, age 5 of Montgomery, rounds the corner during the YWCA's "Trike-a-thon" held Thursday to help kids promote bicycle safety.

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1999-2000 facilities needs; facilities needs during the next three years; and ten years into the future.

Anticipating a major construction project, two architectural firms that design schools — The Hillier Group, West Windsor, and the Vitetta Group, Cherry Hill — have

submitted inquiries and portfolios to Dr. Marasco, he said at the board meeting last week.

"At some point, I expect to interview three or four firms and recommend one to the board," he stated. "I am assuming that the task force will recommend a large project."

"I don't know that we will be doing construction," Task Force Chair Charlotte Blaek cautioned. She added that it was, however, appropriate to involve architectural consultants early in the planning process.

Therese Flaherty said she had misgivings about soliciting architectural input before any details of future PRS curriculum are available. "We all agree that the program needs to drive facility design," commented Ms. Blaek.

"Any architectural program worth its salt would put together something with a certain amount of flexibility," Dr. Marasco said.

Ms. Blaek noted, also, that the task force plans to seek the input of staff members concerning facility design; and Howard Walner emphasized that community contributions are imperative, as well.

One of the issues in the task force discussions, Ms. Blaek pointed out, is whether to upgrade existing facilities or to seek the referendum to construct entirely new facilities. The group is well aware of the serious maintenance problems in all district buildings, she said.

"At some point in the future, these deferred maintenance projects could be incorporated into a larger program," Dr. Marasco said on

Tuesday. "On a practical level, it certainly makes sense." Submitted by Dr. Marasco, he said, it certainly makes sense.

The sense I get from the parents I have talked to is that it is high time to move on this," he added.

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## Job Roster Donation Affirms Importance Of PYA to Community

The nonprofit Princeton Young Achievers (PYA), which provides children at three after-school learning centers with enrichment activities, one-on-one tutoring and homework support, has received \$6,000 from the Professional Job Roster.

The donation represents the entire proceeds from the Job Roster, a nonprofit employment service that closed in mid-August. Founded in 1968 by the spouses of Princeton University professors who sought employment for themselves and others, the agency could not compete with computerized job search strategies.

"The way people look for jobs and the way employers find people has changed," explained the Roster's board chairperson Anne Corey.

The Job Roster donation represents a recognition of PYA's importance to the community, noted Ms. Corey. "We wanted to stay in the community and help equip people to get the education and skills they need to support themselves," she explained. "We know that this process starts when you are very young."

The law requires nonprofit organizations that close to distribute their assets to another nonprofit entity. "As we explored different groups," Ms. Corey stated, "Princeton Young Achievers was our number one choice."

Commented PYA President Peter Paris, "Since we are now financially independent, we depend more than ever on



**\$6,000 to PYA:** From left, Anne Corey, board chairperson and job search counselor for the Professional Job Roster, with Princeton Young Achievers (PYA) President Peter Paris and Vice President Barbara Blumenthal. The Professional Roster recently contributed \$6,000 to the PYA program.

(Photo by Michael Blumenthal)

community support and contributions to fund the program, so we were thrilled to hear that the Professional Job Roster had selected PYA."

PYA was founded with state desegregation grant

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monies in 1993. Partial funding of the program was assumed by the Princeton Regional School Board in April 1994. Until recently, the board contributed \$130,000 annually, while the PYA Advisory Board was responsible for raising an additional \$100,000. The program administrator and volunteer coordinator were on the PRS payroll.

This year, PYA became a nonprofit organization with its own administration, independent of the Regional Schools. A new executive director, Meredith Schwartz, was appointed.

The Regional Schools' contribution has been reduced to \$65,000, according to PYA Board Vice President Barbara Blumenthal. The PYA board needs to raise an additional \$85,000, she said.

The educational support PYA provides is particularly designed for parents and students, living in low and moderate-income housing. The three PYA sites for the 1999-2000 school year — Princeton Community Village, the Clay Street Learning Center, and, probably, Redding Circle — facilitate that objective.

Ms. Blumenthal, a management consultant, noted that PYA has been able to reduce its costs by restructuring and changing job descriptions.

"We have reallocated most of the funding to teachers on-site, built up the staff at each learning center, and reduced administrative costs," she said. Ms. Schwartz, the new administrator, is also a teacher. She will spend 12 hours weekly in a learning center, Ms. Blumenthal indicated.

#### Tutor for Every Child

"Our goal is to provide every child in grades K-3 with individual tutoring by mid-September," Ms. Blumenthal added. The PYA program will utilize more teaching assistants and more work-study students this year than in the past, she said.

The objective, she emphasized, is to make a significant difference to the way in which children "engage" in the programs of the Regional Schools.

"It is, therefore, entirely appropriate that some support continue to come from the regional schools," she observed. "Collaboration is important."

Princeton Community Housing and the Borough Housing Authority also support the program, by providing the sites for the learning centers.

PYA depends on trained volunteers, as well as its staff, to deliver the program. "We will need a lot of volunteers in the fall," Ms. Blumenthal pointed out, "at least 100."

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The Regional Planning Board is expected to hear Princeton Day School's request for final site plan approval of its plans to replace, renovate and expand its outdoor athletic facilities at its September 23 meeting.

The PDS project will be phased over a five-year period. The first phase will include the construction of a new multi-purpose field and a new practice football field, as well as the building of a new campus loop road in the athletic field area.

Major aspects of phases that will be implemented in the following four years include the addition of a new baseball field, softball field complex, and soccer quad.

The school also plans to install site improvements. These include modifying the campus road system west and north of the skating rink for better two-way vehicular movement and more parking. The parking lot adjacent to the skating rink will be expanded and spaces will be added along the west edge of the road leading to the Stuart Road/The Great Road intersection.

School officials have emphasized that the improvement in facilities will not be accompanied by an increase in enrollment.

The plan has been recommended to the Planning Board for approval by the Site Plan Review Advisory Board (SPRAB), an advisory body. A few changes were suggested. One is that the new loop road connecting to east 16 feet in order to accommodate emergency vehicles.

Although the school plans a great deal of new planting, SPRAB also asked that it reduce the number of trees that will be removed. Also requested was the extension of the Stuart Road bicycle path into the school and the opening of Dean Mathey Lane to bicyclists.

School officials were also asked to meet with engineering and traffic consultants and neighboring Tenacre Foundation to work out sight distance issues and traffic calming measures for the intersection of Stuart Road and The Great Road.

Township Engineer Robert Kiser requested that Princeton Day School substitute a traffic signal in place of a crossing guard at the school's main entrance off The Great Road.

The school's five-year plan for improving its athletic facilities was heard by the Regional Planning Board in concept review last November. At the time, William Enslen asked that a traffic master plan be prepared. A report addressing this issue indicates that the proposed project will have a negligible effect on the amount of traffic generated by the PDS site, and that access conditions will not change.

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**MEMORIAL GARDENS:** Riverside School recently dedicated two gardens, living memorials to two former teachers, Barbara Finley and Frank Murray. Standing next to a magnolia tree in Mrs. Finley's garden are Jeannie Greer, Riverside PTO; Principal Bill Cirullo; Martha Ferguson; Brian Fischer; and Ellen Greer. The gardens were prepared and planted by Mrs. Finley's students, along with members of the Riverside PTO. The magnolia tree was donated by Baumley's Nursery, Kingston.

### Canal Commission Awaits Study Results From State D.O.T.

The Delaware & Raritan Canal Commission last week confirmed its June decision not to endorse the State D.O.T.'s plan for the Millstone Bypass until the state completes its environmental assessment study.

There had been a number of requests since the June meeting that the D&R Canal Commission ask the state to do an environmental impact study instead of an environmental assessment study, said Canal Commission Executive Director James Amon.

Mr. Amon said an environmental impact study is a much more complicated procedure and requires a thorough analysis of all feasible alternatives. An environmental assessment analyzes only the environmental impact of the preferred route.

In addition, a sequence of public meetings is required before an environmental impact statement can be officially adopted. The environmental assessment has no such requirement.

Mr. Amon said that the commission's own analysis, which was substantiated by its lawyer, is that the commission does not have the authority to request that an environmental impact study to accommodate.

"The authority we do have Princeton officials have is to ask for information that been battling construction of

the Millstone Bypass as it is currently designed. In addition to concerns about the roadway funneling heavy traffic into the downtown, officials also worry about potential environmental problems.

The Millstone Bypass would begin at the railroad bridge in West Windsor and move across the Sarnoff research lands. The 2.3-mile, two-lane road would cross Route 1 as an overpass between Fisher Place and Harrison Street, continue across Princeton University lands toward the Delaware & Raritan Canal, and then divide. One road would head toward Harrison Street, and the other to Washington Road. Both Harrison Street and Washington Road lead directly onto Nassau Street.

—Myrna K. Bearse

The proposed bypass is within 450 feet of the canal at its closest point. Elizabethtown Water Company customers, which includes everyone in Princeton, get a portion of their water from the D&R canal. Mr. Amon noted, however, that many roads already have an impact on the canal and its water.

"One of the issues the Canal Commission must bring up is that run-off from the road has to be managed which was substantiated by its lawyer, is that the commission does not have the authority to request that an environmental impact study to accommodate."

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# Artisan Ron Lessard's Muse Is Metal

It's the shoemaker's children all over again. Ron Lessard has created metal furniture for such celebrities as Elton John and Gianni Versace. But there is nothing of his work in the Birch Avenue home he shares with his wife and children. Well, almost nothing. He did build a dining room table. But the 45-year-old craftsman said it was a functional thing. Most of the work he does takes weeks, and to do it for himself is practically impossible given the twin demands of work and family.

Mr. Lessard talks with quiet passion about the metals he uses for his furniture, much the way a painter might describe his palette. He said the selection he brought to Toni Morrison for the modern four-poster bed she had ordered was made up of "beautiful patinaed samples, bronzes, coppers with gorgeous rich patinas."

But, even so, Ms. Morrison didn't swerve from her intention of having something silver. He had with him a scrap of highly polished stainless steel, which turned out to be the one she picked.

Most of Mr. Lessard's well-known clients are brought to him by the artist Julian Schnabel. He has done several dozen dozen sleigh beds designed by Schnabel. The beds are in different sizes, and most are of hot rolled steel, which Mr. Lessard said was normal, simple, inexpensive steel, "run-of-the-mill stuff."

Gianni Versace's version, however, was of bronze. About a year-and-a-half ago, Bobbi Leigh wrote in Departures magazine that Mr. Lessard's bronze sleigh bed is "a work of art so technically exacting few metalworkers would attempt it ... It takes uncanny technical skill to give the icy metal surface such depth, life, and luminosity — almost like moonlight on water."

Usually Julian Schnabel provides a rough idea for a bed, and Mr. Lessard takes it from there. That's what he says is so good about working with the artist. "I get to have a fair amount of input into the design. It's fun and challenging," Julian Schnabel has said, "I know I can depend on Ron to understand the imagery I'm working with."

Julian Schnabel came to prominence in the eighties as a leading figure in what came to be known as "neo-expressionism." Probably best known for painting on broken plates and crockery applied onto vast plywood panels, his work is in numerous collections, including those of The Art Institute of Chicago, The Dallas Museum of Art, and the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University.

## Johnson Atelier Alumnus

Mr. Lessard joined The Johnson Atelier, where he met Schnabel, after receiving a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of New Hampshire. He went there to learn how to cast sculpture.

"It was really fun to be there in the beginning. It was a very different place than it is nowadays, much smaller." The artists, who had come from all over the world, were a small community. They socialized with each other, pretty much exclusively. "That was all we know. We were tight knit. There were lots of parties, lots of camaraderie."

The Johnson Atelier, in Hamilton Township, was founded in 1974 by sculptor J. Seward Johnson Jr. Its goal was to provide emerging artists with a chance to work together with experienced art technicians. In addition to a technical school for sculpture and other facilities for the artist, the atelier provides a full-service, state-of-the-art casting and fabrication facility.

Mr. Lessard stayed at the Johnson Atelier for about nine years. He reached a level where he was taking in clients and he helped to run a lot of work through the atelier. "I ended up bringing in a lot of furniture. I brought in so much furniture that the director began to wonder if we were a furniture factory or an art foundry."

The director suggested he start his own business, which he did in 1985. He also allowed Mr. Lessard to bring his clients with him, and one of these was Julian Schnabel.

In his shop, Mr. Lessard fabricates a lot more than metal beds. Working with interior designers and architects, he has done windows, doors, tables, chairs, and partitions. He fabricated Schnabel-designed sculptures for a clothing store — "wild, crazy stuff" — and completed a major project for a couple in Pennsylvania.

This was largely his own design, but he worked in close coordination with the architect. "It's never just something I'm designing on my own and presenting to someone. Usually it's a collaboration. People have their own ideas as to what they want."

His shop is in the corner of a candle factory on North Clinton Street in Trenton. It's a thousand square feet, "a tiny shop, but big enough to get the work done." He does a large amount of work for the candle factory, in conjunction with its owner, including designing and building all its machinery.

One of the first things Mr. Lessard does when he starts a project is decide which metal to use. He chooses from aluminum, copper alloys, stainless steel, and pure copper. People come to him because he does custom work. "That's my unique thing. You come to me to have something done in a special way, something you can't buy in a store."

Mr. Lessard was born in Berlin, New Hampshire, a town in the northern part of the state. French-Canadian himself, he said the whole town was French-Canadian when he was growing up. "Of six grammar schools, only one was English-speaking." He is very much like his father, he said, who was a machine designer all his life.

Ron and Mary Lessard have three children. Max is a student at John Witherspoon, Niall attends Community Park, and Zoe is preschool. He finds Princeton a good place to live and to raise children. "It's a community. You walk down the street, see your friends and neighbors and say 'hello.' Princeton is a real town. It's unique in the whole area. And children have the choice of so many activities and programs, including ballet, the acting program at McCarter, and the choirs all over town."

## A Small Circle

There are only two people in the area who do work similar to his, one in West Windsor and the other in Stockton. All three had been with the Johnson Atelier. Even the New York City area contains few custom metal fabricators, "so usually when I bid on a job with architects I don't have competition. But I'm not smart enough to figure out that I should charge more money."

In ten years he'd like to be doing only work of his own design. He believes this is beginning. "The dream is there. The American dream is alive. I firmly believe it's going to happen. It's only a matter of time." Meanwhile, he loves going to work every day. He's just trying to figure out a way, he said, to make it more profitable.

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## TRENTON ROUNDUP

### Grants for Libraries

Legislation that awards New Jersey public libraries about \$45 million in grant monies to improve their facilities was signed into law last week by Governor Christine Whitman.

The money will be made available for new library buildings, expansion projects, and other related costs.

The bill, sponsored by Senators Robert Littell (R-Franklin) and Peter Inverso (R-Hamilton), establishes the new Public Library Project Fund under the New Jersey Education Facilities Authority, which will hold the grant money.

Harry Levine, president of the Princeton Public Library Board of Trustees, said trustees will study the bill and apply for all library expansion funds for which Princeton is eligible.

### Aid for Drought-Stricken Farms

Governor Christine Whitman has signed emergency rules that will streamline the application process for drought-stricken farmers who want to participate in the state's Farmland Preservation Program.

The program allows farmers to sell their property to the state in exchange for a deed restriction that will keep the land permanently preserved and untouched by developers. The new rules also make \$12 million immediately available for the program.

Governor Whitman has also written to President Clinton, urging him to request that Congress provide federal emergency grant assistance for the agricultural industry. Such a declaration would enable farmers suffering from the drought to apply for emergency low-interest loans.

### Emergency Heat Relief

On August 10, Governor Christine Whitman signed an emergency rule that will bring a reprieve from the heat to low-income New Jersey residents who are at least 60 years of age, who have received federal disability benefits, or have certain medical conditions.

The rule authorizes the state's use of \$9 million in federal contingency funds for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The funds will be used to help low-income residents with special needs cover the cost of cooling their homes during the summer heat wave.

Mercer County applicants for funds should address their requests to Mercer County Administration Building, Room 422, 640 S. Broad Street, Trenton 08650.

### Prime Ballot Spot

A state Superior Court Judge has ruled that the state Conservative Party should have a chance to receive a prime spot on the November ballot; and has ordered county clerks to include the group when the two major parties draw lots for the best position.

The ruling is on hold until Thursday, August 26, however, to give the Democratic and Republican parties time to appeal.

Traditionally, the two major parties get the most coveted positions on the election ballots, followed by a list of independent candidates.

Conservative Party leaders argued that the Democrats and Republicans lost their ballot status when they failed to turn out at least 10 percent of the votes cast in the 1997 Assembly elections, during their respective primary elections in June.

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**UNITY DAY COMMITTEE:** The program committee of the Princeton Task Force on Ethics, at a planning meeting for the annual Unity Day Parade, to be held in October. From left, Jo Ann Carchman, Hendricks Davis, Jeff Gruber, P. Pamela Price, and Vicki Moy. The parade is part of an annual month-long celebration that celebrates the diversity — and unity — of the Princeton community.

## New Water Main Will Soon Be Laid Along River Road

The Elizabethtown Water Company, Plainfield, which provides water to the Princetonians as well as to a number of neighboring municipalities, will install a 3,500-foot-long segment of 48" water main pipe along River Road sometime in September, according to Township officials.

The installation will take place on the western side of River Road on municipal and Mercer County property. The pipe will run from the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority entrance, to a point just beyond the intersection with Herrontown Road at the Church of Christ (33 River Road), where it will cross the Millstone River.

In order to lay the pipe, the water company will have to destroy about 75 ash trees. "We have been working with the Township and Mercer County on details of the project," Elizabethtown Water Company project engineer Dana Wright said last week.

"We are concerned about the arrangement was a "really impacts on the landscape and good deal for the Township." on traffic patterns and we want to minimize them to the extent possible."

Mr. Wright said an agreement had been negotiated concerning the landscape and the replacement of trees, but details of possible traffic disruption were still being worked out.

Members of the Township Shade Tree Commission also participated in discussions concerning the trees that will be destroyed when the pipe is laid.

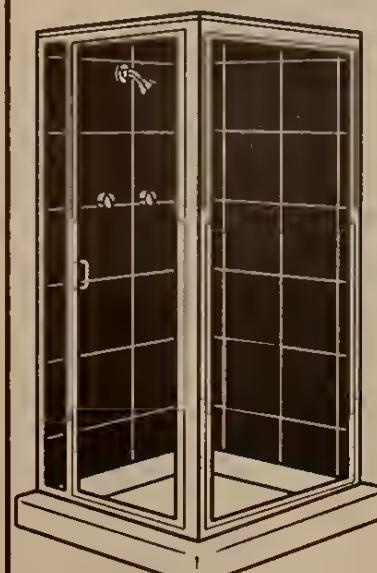
At the Township Committee meeting of August 16, Township Engineer Robert Kiser and Mr. Wright announced that the water company has agreed to plant 107 new trees, spaced approximately 40 feet apart.

"We plan to achieve the installation of the transmission main to the advantage of all parties," Mr. Wright declared. He said he was hopeful the project would be finished by December and that traffic upset would be minimal, although Mr. Kiser suggested that River Road would have to be closed, for at least part of the project.

The Elizabethtown Water Company will issue a bond to the Township and county, just as any developer does, to assure that the work is completed on schedule, Mr. Kiser said.

—Anne Rivera

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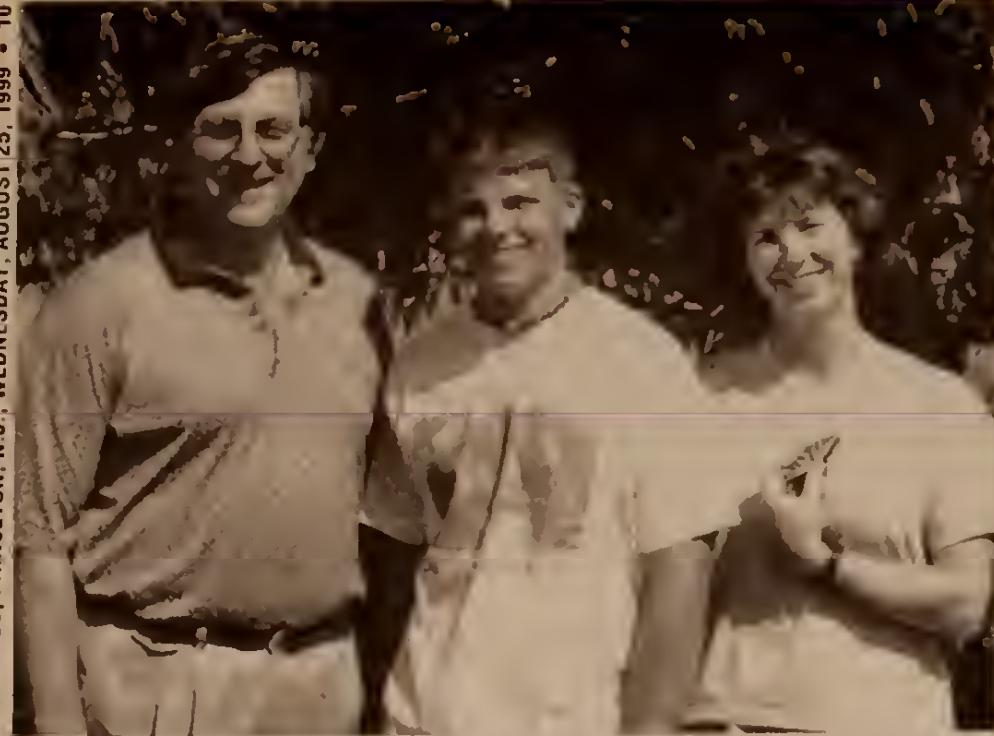
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**AWARD WINNER:** Justin Hawthorne (center), shown with Tom and Meg Gorrie, is the first recipient of the Katherine W. Gorrie Memorial Scholarship.

### Gorrie Memorial Scholarship Awarded To Justin Hawthorne

Justin Hawthorne, a senior at Lawrence High School, is the recipient of the first Katherine W. Gorrie Memorial Scholarship, announced by the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association.

Justin received the scholarship to pursue his interest in environmental education as camp naturalist at the Watershed Association's Summer Environmental Education Day Camp. He is an outdoors

enthusiast with a love of naturalist intern at The Bunting Nature Center.

#### *In Memory of Kate*

The scholarship was established by friends and family at the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association in memory of Hopewell Township resident Katherine W. Gorrie. Kate, as she was known to friends, was an honor student at the Hun School in Princeton, and inspired her peers with her enthusiasm for the environment. In addition to the scholarship, memorial contributions have also been used to create the Katherine W. Gorrie Memorial Butterfly House adjacent to the Bunting Nature Center. Memorial contributions are still welcome. Call 737-7592.

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### School Board Limits Number of Meetings, Changes Venue

Members of the Princeton Regional School Board have decided that there is no need to have more than one full board meeting each month during the 1999-2000 academic year. At their meeting of August 17, they voted — with one abstention and one dissenting vote — to limit themselves to a single monthly meeting.

Interim Superintendent Richard Marasco recommended the change, explaining that so many different committees will be convening to deal with "significant board issues" — like the superintendent search, budget/financial problems, and long-range planning — that the time could be better spent in committee deliberations.

Board member Barbara Prince said she was concerned about limiting the time board members spend together. Therese Flaherty sug-

gested that the board would only be limiting the time it Wainer said, "we focus attention on the people who are supposed to be running the district — not us."

Ms. Prince protested that she did not want to set a precedent for fewer meetings; and Walter Frank proposed that the new schedule be undertaken in the "nature of an experiment."

Jeffrey Spear objected that even though committee meetings are public, most residents do not attend them. "It is a fact remains," Mr. Frank declared, "that board meetings serve a function that insisted. "It should be possible to combine board and committee meetings."

Ms. Bialek suggested the Vice President Charlotte Bialek, leading the meeting in vised. "The change recognizes that the board's work is absence, said concerned done in committees," Bucky members of the public should Hayes added. "It is also a be encouraged to attend the place where individual voices can be heard. We must

Howard Wainer contributed encourage the public to two observations: He pointed out that the IBM Board of Directors only meets quarterly; and that the state statute notices of all committee governing the frequency of meetings would be sent to the local press.

A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Spear voted against the change, while Ms. Prince abstained. Jack Marrero and Frank Strasburger were absent.

The board adopted a schedule of board meetings through December. The dates are September 28; October 26; November 23; and December 14.

Meetings will take place at 8 p.m., at the District Administration Building, 25 Valley Road, rather than at the John Witherspoon School, where the board met last year.

—Anne Rivera

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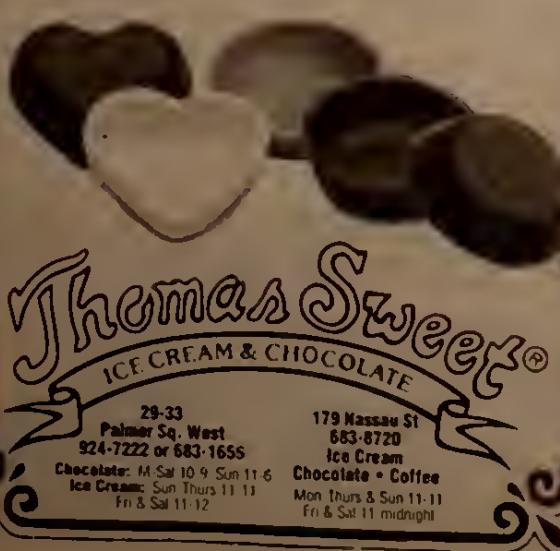
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1 tbsps Italian seasoning  
3 tbsps butter or margarine  
4-6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts  
marinara or favorite tomato sauce  
mozzarella cheese, sliced

#### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- In a shallow baking dish combine stuffing mix, parsley and Italian seasoning. Mix together and set aside.
- In an 8x11" baking dish, melt the butter/margarine in the microwave.
- Dip the chicken breasts into the stuffing mixture, coating both sides of each breast.
- Place chicken in the baking dish and sprinkle any remaining stuffing mixture over the chicken.
- Bake in a preheated oven for 20 minutes, turn chicken and bake for another 20 minutes.
- Remove from oven and pour marinara sauce on the cooked chicken. Top with mozzarella cheese and return to oven. Bake until cheese begins to melt, and serve. (Note: can be tripled and served buffet style to a crowd.) Enjoy!

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Registration for the fall semester of classes in English as a second language (ESOL) at the Princeton Adult School will take place on Tuesday, September 14, at 7, in the Princeton High School cafeteria. All students must register in person. The classes will be offered at all levels, from beginning through advanced.

Classes will start on October 5, and will meet on Tuesday evenings, from 7:30 to 9:30, through December 7. The fee for the ten-week course is \$35.

Advanced students may also enroll for classes in ESOL oral skills, writing for ESOL students, and conversation for ESOL students. There will also be a special ESOL class for Au Pair workers. These classes will meet on Thursday evenings, from September 30 to December 9.

ESOL Coordinator Margaret Slighton reports that a total of 155 students were enrolled in ESOL courses during the spring semester, from 34 different countries.

The largest number of students from one country were from China, with 19. Eighteen students came from Guatemala, and 18, from Germany. Fourth on the list was Russia, with 14 students.

Eighty-nine students were from Europe; 38 came from Asia; 20 were from Central America; and six were from South America. The Middle East was represented by two students from Israel, while no Caribbean or African nations registered for the course.

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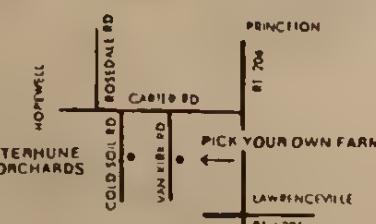
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## Health Club Opens Its Doors To PHS Students in Summer

Some of Princeton High's athletes are a little stronger this season, and the New York Sports Clubs at Princeton deserves part of the credit.

After renovating last winter, the health club donated some of its old Nautilus (weight training) equipment to the school, which enabled PHS to build a new, more modern weight room.

The school planned to add exercise bikes, and other aerobic training machines, and to keep the facility open all summer, but those plans were scuttled by last spring's district budget crises.

Over the summer, the school could only afford to keep the room open for limited periods — not enough to keep up with demand. But, like a spotter, the health club once again helped out, by opening its doors to students free of charge during off peak hours. The club asked those students who could afford it

to donate \$25 to the Paul Miles Foundation, which helps children with cancer.

About 50 kids took advantage of the program, said PHS trainer Carlos Salazar. Most, but not all, of the participants play sports at PHS. "We had kids of all levels, from freshman to seniors, from freshman, jayvee, and varsity [teams]," said Salazar.

### Such Lean Times

Salazar still hopes the school will find a way to get aerobic equipment, but said doing so would be difficult in such lean times. He said the weight room was a resource for the whole school, not just its athletes, because it enables the physical education department to offer workout classes.

Desperate times call for creative measures, and PHS's athletic and physical education departments are trying to figure out ways to get the money to outfit their workout room to their liking. "We're thinking about having a lift-a-thon or a walk-a-thon," said Salazar. "I'm an optimist, though the situation is financially chaotic."



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## PRS Cash Expenses Added to Budget Woes Superintendent Says

Expenditures from the Princeton Regional Schools during the 1998-99 school year exceeded \$150,000, according to Interim Superintendent Richard Marasco.

The board's policy manual instructs that petty cash be used for emergencies and small purchases only and that it not be used "to subvert the intent of the regular purchasing procedures or for routine expenditures."

Not only did petty cash expenditures during the last school year apparently circumvent the board's purchase order process, Dr. Marasco noted last week, but they have contributed to the bud-

getary crisis with which the district is grappling.

At the board meeting of August 17, he suggested a policy change, directing that "No single expenditure shall exceed \$25." The original petty cash account during the 1998-99 school year to \$149.99.

Finance committee chair Bucky Hayes commented that the existing policy left it up to the discretion of individual principals to decide whether or not a purchase constituted a "petty" expense or might better be handled by the district.

Dr. Marasco said he would discuss the problem with building administrators and direct them to "pull back significantly."

He suggested, also, that the problem was "more an issue of implementation, as opposed to policy."

## Community Foundation Solicits Nominations For Bud Vivian Award

The Princeton Area Community Foundation is accepting nominations for the 1999 Bud Vivian Community Service Award, which will be presented to a member of the greater Princeton community who exemplifies the qualities possessed by the late Leslie "Bud" Vivian.

The Fund was established in 1995 to honor the memory of Mr. Vivian, who contributed his talents to town and gown for more than 40 years. Criteria for the award include the qualities that Mr. Vivian possessed: ability to identify a need; to fashion a plan; to draw people into the process; and to persevere until solutions are found.

Along with the award, a grant from the Vivian Memorial Fund will be made to one or more local nonprofit organizations recommended by the recipient. Recent Vivian Award winners have been

Grants from the fund have gone to the Housing Authority's Clay Street Learning Center, Princeton Young Achievers, the Arts Council of Princeton, the Princeton Family YMCA, and the Hun School.

To nominate an individual for the Vivian Award, send a sponsoring letter highlighting his or her background and accomplishments in the Princeton community. Additional letters of support are also welcome.

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Noting that the policy change would affect "day-to-day life in the district," Therese Flaherty said board members fully support Dr. Marasco's initiative.

#### Out-of-District Tuition

A change in the policy governing the admission of out-of-district students who do not pay tuition was also introduced.

PRS allows the children of families planning a move to Princeton to attend school tuition-free. If the move occurs within 60 calendar days of the first day of school.

Those whose parents are building homes in Princeton, however, are allowed to attend school without paying tuition, provided they move into the new home before the beginning of the fourth marking period — or 135 days into the school year.

Dr. Marasco said he knew of no other district with such a liberal policy toward out-of-district students.

As head of the board's policy committee, Ms. Flaherty recommended that the entire section concerning new home construction be eliminated from the manual. If the change is adopted, no one could attend Princeton schools tuition-free for more than 60 days.

The policy also directs that the children of families who move out of the district be allowed to finish the year without charge. If the family moves after May 1; and that graduating seniors be permitted to finish the year tuition free.

Members are scheduled to vote on both policy changes at a future meeting of the board.

—Anne Rivera



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## Romanian Escape

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**"We both hoped that the secret security officers would not hear how, in the very frequent pauses of our conversation, we were choking on our tears."**

tion, she wrote, "At one end of the line was a scared young woman setting out on a dangerous adventure, saddened by the separation from her family, and at the other end was the divorced man who had devoted his entire life to his only child and now faced the prospect of never seeing her again."

"We both hoped that the secret security officers would not hear how, in the very frequent pauses of our conversation, we were choking on our tears."

### The Heart of An Ox

**H**er father had counseled her to adopt "the heart of an ox," she also wrote, meaning "no emotional attachments and the strength to go forward under any burden. A hardened heart was necessary, since defection being a crime, any return was impossible..."



**FAR AWAY:** On a sunny Princeton street, Anca Niculin's childhood in Romania, during the worst days of the Ceausescu dictatorship, seems far away. Ms. Niculin's essay about her escape to the United States won a first-place award in the New York Times Foundation's "Journey Home Contest."

"We may have over-estimated the strength of the system," Ms. Niculin says now, "but we were definitely extremely scared."

Her determination to leave Romania had begun at least seven years earlier when she was 15, and the regime tried to recruit her as an agent. "All the members of my family had refused to join the Communist party," she explained to TOWN TOPICS.

"The principal of my high school — who also happened to be my boy friend's mother — called me into the office. There she and two KGB agents in black leather jackets asked me to inform on any friends and family members who listened to Radio Free Europe or had contacts with the West. They put on a lot of pressure."

Ms. Niculin responded by becoming hysterical; but she did not capitulate. "After that, I did not trust anyone — even my best friends. I just wanted to get out of there."

Departure seemed a remote possibility. Her family was considered uncooperative by the regime; and, in any event, passports were issued only every two years. If a person applied and failed to obtain a passport, there was not another chance.

Ms. Niculin managed to continue her studies, despite the oppressive atmosphere. She entered the University of Cluj in Northwest Romania, as an architecture student. At the age of 18, when she was asked to join the Communist party, she adhered to family tradition and also refused.

"I don't really understand why they let me go to Algeria," she declared. When she learned, however, that she would be allowed to travel outside Romania, as part of the student delegation, she determined to defect.

No information on their route was provided to the students. Ms. Niculin figured, however, that the plane would have to refuel somewhere, and that when it did, she could get away.

### Just the Clothes on Her Back

**S**he could, of course, take no baggage with her. "I wore all the clothes I could carry on my back, including a fur coat and a sweater," she said. "It was winter, so that wasn't too hard, but it certainly changed my appearance!"

—Anne Rivera

Sure enough, the plane stopped — in Zurich, Switzerland. The Romanian students got off and scattered through the airport, looking at the Western merchandise. "We were amazed, especially by the boutiques," Ms. Niculin said.

There was, however, one problem. Assuming that the plane would land in a friendly country, she and her father had decided she should approach the nearest police officer and ask for asylum. "We figured the airport would be swarming with officers." She couldn't find the police! "For one who had grown up in a police state, it was unbelievable."

Eventually, she managed to locate Swiss customs officials and to tell them she wanted to stay in Zurich. "They didn't want to let me enter the country. They tried to persuade me to get back on the plane."

She made a scene and was surrounded by several officers. One of her architecture professors approached and said to them, "I want to talk with you."

"I thought that was the end," Ms. Niculin recalled, "that he would tell the officers I was a crazy person and insist on taking me back."

Instead, the teacher approached her and whispered in Romanian, "Do you want to defect?" When she admitted she did, he announced, "So do I!"

Swiss officials hid the two Romanians in a basement area of the Zurich Airport, while their colleagues combed the premises searching for them. The plane was delayed five hours, but finally continued on its way to Algeria.

The next day, Ms. Niculin recounted, the two refugees were given 30 Swiss francs each and put on a plane for Vienna. The Austrian government required no entry visas for Romanians; and a large refugee resettlement camp had sprung up in the capital.

Eight months later, Ms. Niculin made her way to the San Francisco Bay area. She settled in California, and eventually completed her undergraduate studies in architecture at the University of California, Berkeley. It was there that she met her husband, Sergiu Klainerman — a Romanian from Bucharest. The couple moved to the Boston area, where both attended graduate school.

### Now Employed at the University

**T**welve years ago, they arrived in Princeton and are now employed at the University. Mr. Klainerman teaches mathematics; Ms. Niculin works in the University's multimedia atelier. Their children attend local schools; and the eldest, a son, will enter Princeton High School in September.

Looking back, Ms. Niculin has no regrets. The Romanian regime did take reprisals against her family for her defection, she said, but it was not half as bad as it might have been.

Her father, a teacher at the Polytechnic School in Cluj, was stripped of his teaching privileges. Recently, Ms. Niculin managed to arrange his immigration; and he is now a permanent resident of the United States. The rest of her family remains in Romania.

A lot of things have changed in her country, Ms. Niculin pointed out. "Things are much better since the fall of Ceausescu [the Romanian dictator ousted in December 1989]; but when it comes to corruption and inefficiency, it's the same."

Ms. Niculin's story stands as a tribute to her parents. Her essay concludes with the words, "My oxen heart lasted me for a while and helped me survive emotionally my first encounters with freedom, poverty, and solitude... Now, as I raise my three American children, I hope that my love for them will never need the proof my parents gave of theirs."

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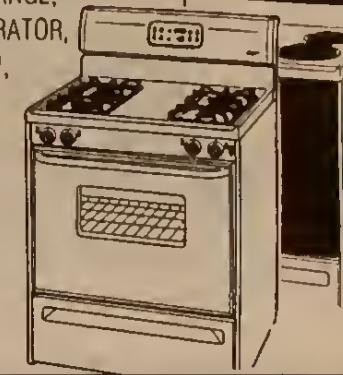


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### Roads in Outlying Areas of Town Potential Death Traps for Cyclists

To the Editor of Town Topics:

I am new to the area having formerly lived in the Midwest and West. This fact may partially underlie my befuddlement when it comes to local road building practices. In other places I have lived, road cycling and running were an integral part of the routine. Public roadways served not only as conduits for automobile traffic, but also as common use connections that enriched the lives of all categories of users. I have always commuted by bicycle and would very much enjoy the option of doing so here. After all, for every commuter on a bike there is one less car on the road.

The recent extension of the bike lane on Great Road is an appreciated step in the right direction. If that bike lane actually connected to something, imagine the people you'd see using it. While the town of Princeton itself is quite bicycle-friendly, the roads of the outlying areas (such as portions of Cherry Valley Road) remain potential death traps for the bicyclist with their dropaway shoulders, too close guard rails, blind corners and heavy traffic. While I concede there isn't much that can be done about the traffic and the corners, the roads themselves could easily be designed with a little extra care to permit the safe passage of bicycles and pedestrians.

Many of our roads were built long ago and outdated designs can thus be expected and excused. One would think, however, that we would know better today. It boggles the mind to see smooth new pavement being laid down with precision to mirror former inadequately wide road surfaces. Worse still, the edges of these new paving projects as a rule are then either left hanging without even a gravel shoulder for support or hemmed in by admittedly quaint but questionably functional stone block curbs. To a bicyclist, a stone curb or dropaway pavement edge is a guaranteed trauma in the presence of a single inattentive motorist.

As an example of an alternative, the town of Eugene, Oregon mandates that all new local roadways be built with multiple uses in mind: bike lanes are required by law. Of course, this practice does consume more land and I concede that in a general sense, the improvement of a road system only encourages more traffic. Still, to force bicycles, pedestrians and an ever-increasing traffic load onto the same narrow ribbons of blacktop negates transportation alternatives and courts disaster. I assert that whenever feasible, road resurfacing projects should accommodate the needs of all users. By simply extending existing road edges by 12 to 18 inches while resurfacing and then delineating the added space with a white line, the designers and builders of our collective roads would do a great service to the community and probably save lives in the process. The cost in terms of land and added construction expense would be a bargain when considered against the gains in community livability.

DUANE MOSER, Ph.D  
Cherry Valley Road

### Ban of Trucks Wider Than 96 Inches Not Enough to Make Route 206 Safe

To the Editor of Town Topics:

I sent the following letter to the Administrative Officer of the NJ Department of Transportation:

Gov. Whitman's emergency ban of interstate trucks of more than 96 inches wide from New Jersey roads not on the National Truck Network is not enough.

As a regular traveler on Route 206 North and South, I can attest to the fact that these trucks are extremely dangerous, noisy, and destructive. You don't want to be sandwiched between them unless you have a death wish. They go too fast and often drive too close to the cars ahead of them. Being passed by one of them on a two-lane road, is enough to make a car driver blanch.

They are noisy. I live approximately one-quarter mile from Route 206 South and I can hear them from my house. If my windows are open, they wake me up at around 4 a.m. as they are either applying the breaks before descending the hill or gearing up after reaching the top. I feel so sorry for the families living right on Route 206; the noise and vibration must be terrible.

They are destructive because our local roads were not built for heavy trucks. The curb at the corner of Bayard Lane and Route 206 South is constantly being run over by these trucks that are too big to get around the corner. If one happens to be sitting at the light waiting for it to turn green and one of these huge trucks maneuvers around the turn driving over the curb, one finds oneself praying that the truck will not turn over, crushing one's car in the process. There is absolutely nothing a person can do to get out of the way. One has to just sit there and hope for the best.

The Stony Brook Bridge which was built in the 1700s, can't withstand this punishment much longer. One of these days it will just collapse; I hope and pray that no one is on the bridge when that happens.

Life in Princeton and along Route 206 used to be rather peaceful. The traffic was normal — sometimes good, sometimes not so good, but it was just cars and small trucks. Not now. Now it's like being on I-95 except the road is narrower and there is no where to go to escape these monsters.

Please help. Please get these massive trucks off our local roads. Please remove this threat to our lives, our local roads and bridges, and our homes. Give us back the quality of life that we had in our small New Jersey communities.

BARBARA L. RUSSO  
Fleming Way

### All Miss Fine's Grads Will Remember The Cherry Trees on Monument Dr.

To the Editor of Town Topics:

In Myrna K. Bearse's article about the Monument Drive project, she writes that "A 1930 landscape plan, which was clearly not implemented, showed Monument Drive bordered with flowering cherry trees." She's wrong, there used to be glorious cherry trees along Monument Drive.

Anyone who remembers the old Miss Fine's School, which stood where the Borough police station now stands, would remember the cherry trees.

We MFS students would decorate our books, our papers, and our hair, with the blossoms. Our mothers waited for us, shaded by the magnificent trees. They formed a perfect canopy right up to the Battle Monument, thickly planted on both sides of the road. We always felt that they rivaled the trees in Washington, D.C., although on a much smaller scale.

The town planners, in their infinite wisdom, obviously didn't see them in the same way, as they were destroyed, along with the old Miss Fine's School building. Think how much money could have been saved (\$21,000), if only the trees had been spared.

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## Bunn Drive-Poor Farm Road Link Up Will Feed 2600 Cars Onto Harrison St.

To the Editor of Town Topics:

I can't think of anything more gratuitous than to ask the question: "Tell me, would you really mind if more cars used Princeton streets?"

Depending on where they lived in Princeton, people would probably wonder if you were in your right mind. Yet the question is relevant. We are going to get more traffic, and it won't be too long from now.

Sticking to facts, it was pointed out in a draft of the Circulation Element of Princeton's most recent Master Plan (1996): "Since the earlier Master Plan (1989) was adopted, Princeton has been subjected to a major shift in traffic patterns in the form of through traffic."

"The new traffic is ... of a different character from that of the past. It uses Princeton's roadways purely as a means to an end without an interest in an intermediate stopover."

The draft also emphasizes that residents of "vast new developments north of Princeton attracted to new employment and retail strips lining Route 1 in West Windsor and Lawrence Townships have added large volumes of auto traffic on to Princeton's local streets."

Furthermore, "Route 206, which passes through the heart of Princeton is now a connector for long-haul, interstate traffic providing a connection between I-287, I-95 and I-295."

With such an onslaught of traffic, it's not clear what Princeton can be doing (or could have been doing) except for working with contiguous municipalities and with the state. Though not seemingly related, reading in the newspapers we learn that investors and builders are having a harder time pinning down sites on which to build. A common complaint is that Princeton is running out of space.

But there is one particular area getting attention, Bunn Drive. In fact, in the past decade, it has taken on the appellation "Bunn Drive Corridor," which the Regional Planning Board of Princeton sees developing as "the major research and office corridor within Princeton."

To fulfill that prophecy, the cul-de-sac northern end of Bunn Drive would have to be eliminated. That was assured earlier this year when the Regional Planning Board approved connecting the corridor with Poor Farm Road.

As agreed to by the Board, Princeton Research Lands, Inc., the applicant, will pay for the construction of the Bunn Drive Corridor extension to Poor Farm Road. The applicant has also said it plans to purchase five lots, three on the west side and two on the east side of the extension at the Poor Farm intersection.

So at long last, Bunn Drive will be opened. However, there is a matter which the Planning Board evidently did not wish to address — the consequences of increased traffic and its impact on the northeastern part of Princeton Township.

Just a decade ago, it was predicted that extending Bunn Drive would result in the peak traffic load from a 200-per-hour level to a 2600-per-hour level.

Although we do not have any comparable figures from the 1998 Master Plan, we can certainly anticipate a continuing rise in traffic heading south on Route 206. Whoever is an astute driver in that traffic may very well take advantage of making a few turns that will bring him/her to the Poor Farm-Bunn Drive Intersection and from there go down to Harrison Street and on to Route 1.

In summary, the question of future traffic has been the subject of many public discussions in the past decade, but the prospect of the Bunn Drive Corridor becoming another gateway to Princeton and beyond has inexplicably escaped serious scrutiny by our local governments, or at least, that's how it appears. Strange.

ROBERT HOSFORD  
Terhune Road

## Borough Shouldn't Spend Another \$Million On Monument Dr. Until the Reviews Are in

To the Editor of Town Topics:

Presently the Borough's projected six-year, 21-million-dollar Capital Improvement Plan in conjunction with the Borough's 26-million-dollar, long-term debt are under scrutiny by our newly hired administrator. In addition, the state local budget review team's audit findings are near completion. These two reviews will undoubtedly offer valuable insight into how our elected officials manage our tax dollars and will target areas of potential tax dollar savings.

Given the unknown results of these two reviews, coupled with the fact that the 1998 and 1999 Borough budgets were self-examined rather than state approved, wouldn't it be fiscally prudent for council to await the expert opinions of our administrator and the N.J. Department of the Treasury and take a breather from burdening Borough taxpayers with an additional one-million-dollar expenditure to renovate Monument Drive?

KATE WARREN  
Jefferson Road

## Letters to the Editor

Town Topics welcomes letters to the editor on subjects specifically related to the Princeton area. Letters must have a valid signature, street address and/or organizational affiliation. Priority will be given to letters that are typed, doubled spaced, and received for publication no later than Monday noon for publication in that week's edition. Letters longer than 500 words may be edited or omitted entirely.

## Current Borough Council Obscures to Obscure Adverse Financial Picture

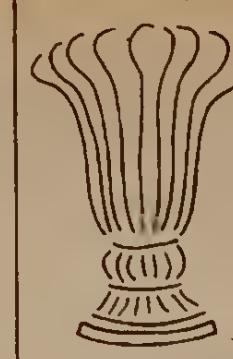
To the Editor of Town Topics:

I'm responding to David Goldfarb's recent comments [TOWN TOPICS, August 18] regarding my revelations about the balancing of the Borough's 1999 budget. First it should be noted that nothing in his letter was new input nor did it change the factual basis of my comments. In truth the budget was balanced with funds previously designated for the Affordable Housing Program being diverted to other municipal uses, and in truth principal payments on long-term debt are reduced very substantially in 1999. Mr. Goldfarb only verified my criticisms with his background detail as to how we got to where we are.

This is yet another example of the obfuscation practiced by the current Council, intended or otherwise, to obscure the fundamental financial picture and adverse trends. Moving funds through various accounts to launder their origins should not be tolerated as a substitute for sound fiscal management. The following is clear to anyone who takes the time to dig into the facts: Princeton Borough is digging an ever deeper financial hole with its lack of cost controls, a too ambitious multimillion dollar capital budget and an escalating per capita long-term debt burden that is a multiple of surrounding communities. Moody's reduction in our bond rating was well founded.

It was the Mayor and President of Council that I cited as signing the July 15 tax letter with their claims of "Holding the Line" on costs. I assume Mr. Goldfarb was sent to respond in their behalf because there is an embarrassment in this charade. Unfortunately, all the accounting knowledge available on the current Council seems to have been learned in law school. This has been going on for a decade now, and the problems have grown far too serious. Do we taxpayers not have the right to direct responses with factual and relevant information?

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## Pro Musica to Begin Its 21st Season With October Concert

A Halloween Concert, a multi-media pageant, and Handel's *Messiah* will highlight Princeton Pro Musica's 21st season. The 120-voice chorus and orchestra will present a three-concert subscription series as well as collaborations with two area orchestras.

On October 30, at 8 p.m. at Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium, a Halloween Concert will feature Mendelssohn's rarely performed dramatic work *Die erste Walpurgisnacht*. The text for this work, a ballad by Goethe, describes the struggle for survival of the ancient religions in Germany, which use the illusion of witchcraft to frighten invaders. David Arnold, baritone and Frederick Urrey will be the soloists.

Also featured on this program will be the world premiere of *Two Psalms* by Princeton Professor Emeritus Edward T. Cone. This setting of Psalms 90 and 91 is for large orchestra and six-part chorus. Prof. Cone is known for his writings on music theory and the art of composition as well as for his compositions.

The program will open with Moussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain*, in Rimsky Korsakov's arrangement.

There will be performances of Handel's *Messiah* on December 17 and 18. They will take place at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium and will feature soloists Martha Elliott, soprano; Sharon Rhinesmith, mezzo-soprano; Charles Reid, tenor; and Elem Eley, baritone.

On March 18 at 8 p.m., Princeton Pro Musica will present Dominick Argento's *Jonah and the Whale*. This work combines the Biblical account with a medieval English account, interspersed with sea shanties and work-

Proceeds from the Chorus' concerts help support a scholarship, which is awarded to a graduating senior of the Hopewell Valley High School who shows promise in the field of vocal or instrumental music. This year's recipient was Julian A. K. Ross of Pennington.

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Candace Woodward-Clough will again teach on Sunday evenings in two four-week sessions. Session A, from September 12 to October 3, offers beginners' foxtrot, waltz, and swing, from 4 to 5 p.m. and intermediate levels from 5 to 6 p.m. Session B, from October 24 to November 14, offers beginners' Latin dance from 4 to 5 p.m., and intermediate Latin from 5 to 6 p.m.

Ms. Woodward-Clough will also teach Swing Dancing only in a five-week session, on Mondays from October 18 to November 15. Beginners' classes run from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., and intermediate (East Coast/West Coast) from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m.

Fees range from \$35 to \$39 per person or \$62/\$69 per couple and YWCA membership is required. To register, call 497-2100.

### At Peddie School

Ms. Woodward-Clough will also be the instructor at The Peddie School's fall session of "Dancing by the Peddie

Lake", an eight-week class offering instruction in the waltz, foxtrot, swing, and Latin dancing. All classes will be held in the Masland Room of the Richard L. Swig Arts Center at The Peddie School in Hightstown.

Classes begin Friday, September 17 and run through Friday, November 19, starting at 7:30 p.m. for beginners and 8:30 p.m. for intermediate students. No classes will be held on October 8 and 22.

No partner is required, and the session will culminate in a Ballroom Dance Social. The cost is \$65 per person and \$110 per couple.

Ms. Woodward-Clough, who is a choreographer, teacher, and exercise consultant, has also had extensive background on stage, television, and motion pictures.

Registration is available at the first class, 490-7550.

## Music Together Releases Seventh CD

Music Together, the Princeton-based program for infants and toddlers and their parents, will hold a CD release party to celebrate the release of its latest album, entitled "The Bongos" Collection. The event will be held at the Unitarian Church of Princeton from 4:30 until 6:30.

Music together founders, Ken Guilmartin and Lili Levinowitz, and a variety of singers and musicians have recorded a series of albums that have been used by families for years, and that both children and adults enjoy. The "Bongos" Collection includes folk songs, original songs, jazz, and multicultural music with child and adult vocalists.

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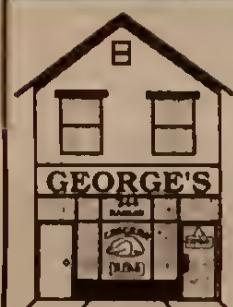
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Outside Providence (R): Wed., Thurs., 7, 9:15. (Starts Sept. 1.)

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Mickey Blue Eyes (PG 13): 2, 4:45, 7, 15, 9:35

Muse (PG-13): 1, 3, 5:05, 7:10, 9:20

Bowfinger (PG 13): 1, 3, 5, 7:15, 9:30

Runaway Bride (PG): 2, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30

The Sixth Sense (PG 13): 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30

Thomas Crown Affair (R): 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:35

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13th Warrior (R): 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15

Arlington Road (R): 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10

American Pie (R): 4:20, 9:45

An Ideal Husband (PG-13): 1:45, 6:45

Inspector Gadget (PG): 12:30, 2:25, 4:30, 7:15

Deep Blue Sea (R): 9:50

Thomas Crown Affair (R): 1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:20

Bowfinger (PG 13): 1:10, 4:10, 6:50, 9:40

Dog of Flanders (PG): 1, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20

The Muse (PG 13): 12:15, 2:35, 5, 7:30, 10

Teaching Mrs. Tingle (PG 13): 1:40, 4:25, 7, 9:30, with no 7 p.m. show Sat.

Outside Providence (R): Sat. only 7:20

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Friday, August 27 - Thursday, September 2

Eyes Wide Shut (R): 1, 4:20, 8

Haunting (PG 13): 6:30, 8:55

Terzan (G): 1:40, 3:45

Runaway Bride (PG): 1:10, 3:50, 6:40, 9:15

Blair Witch Project (R): 2:10, 4:15, 7:10, 9:10, with 11:30 p.m. show Fri., Sat.

Mystery Men (PG 13): 6:20, 9

Sixth Sense (PG 13): 1:30, 4:10, 7, 9:25, with 11:35 p.m. show Fri., Sat.

Iron Giant (PG): 1:15, 3:20

Mickey Blue Eyes (PG 13): 1:45, 4:30, 6:55, 9:35

Universal Soldier (R): 2:15, 4:45, 6:45, 8:45

Astronaut's Wife (R): 1:20, 4, 6:50, 9:30, with 11:50 show Fri., Sat.

Dudley Do Right (PG): 2, 4:25, 7:20, 9:20, with 11:25 show Fri., Sat.

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Iron Giant (PG): 2:15

Thomas Crown Affair (R): 2:05, 4:30, 7, 9:25

Bowfinger (PG 13): 2:15, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20

Sixth Sense (PG 13): 2, 4:45, 7, 9:25

Mickey Blue Eyes (PG 13): 2:10, 5, 7:10, 9:15

Dudley Do Right (PG): 2, 3:50, 5:40, 7:30, 9:20

## Auditions Scheduled For Playful Productions

Auditions are planned for Friday, August 29 for The Foll of the House of Usher, a strong Texan character role. Strong tap dancers needed for ensemble.

Appointments are noon to 2 at Shir Ami Synagogue, Newtown, Pa.

A male between ages 25 to 40 is needed for the part of Roderick and Poe. Height of 5' 10" or over and slender build is desirable. Female parts, ages 25 to 40, are also available. Actors should prepare a classic monologue and have a good sense of the melodramatic and exceptional verbal skills.

Produced by Playful Theatre Productions, with Mike Willis director, Marty Gasparian and Tom Baker producers, the play will be performed October 24 through 31 at the Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor. Small pay. Call 882-9636 or 215-538-8289.

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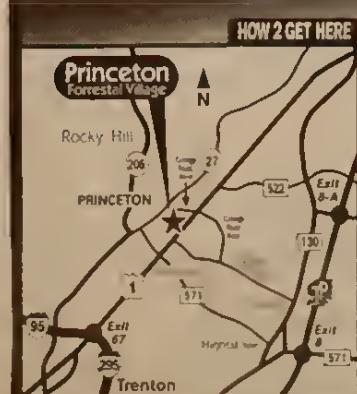
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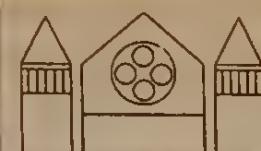


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## PEOPLE In the News

**Blair Hamilton**, a 1996 graduate of Princeton High School who will be a senior at Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, N.Y., this fall, recently returned from the college's Junior Year Away program, during which juniors explore areas of special interest.



Blair Hamilton

Ms. Hamilton attended the American University (Washington, D.C.) Washington Semester program in American politics and public law, which involved course work in governmental policies and constitutional law, along with intensive seminars, and a White House Internship.

Hopewell Township resident **Timothy P. Duggan** has been elected to the position of shareholder in the Stark & Stark law firm, Lawrenceville.

Mr. Duggan, who practices in the commercial litigation group, is a member of the Mercer County and New Jersey State Bar Associations. He lectures frequently for the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

Mr. Duggan received his



Timothy P. Duggan

was also named, as was Belle Mead resident **Melissa Joy Woodruff**, Partridge Run.

Lawrenceville residents **Laura Eileen Gasslein**, Shirley Lane, and **Michael Glassman**, Margaret Court, were also named. **Caitlin E. Stone**, Shara Lane, Pennington, and **Annmarie Cholankeril**, Rush Court, Plainsboro, were named, as well.

Princeton High School student **Alison R. Hwong**, daughter of Beatrice and Corrington Hwong, was a finalist in the 36th annual Nancy Thorp Memorial Poetry Prizes competition, sponsored by Hollins University, Roanoke, Va.

Ms. Hwong was recognized for her poem, "Pastry Chef in Love." The poem, she said, was inspired by her love of baking. "I realized that perhaps chefs view the world differently," she said.

Princeton Day School students **Olivia Harman**, **Ashley Logan**, and **Mike Bodel** have won three of the 20 awards given in the statewide Rutgers/Newark Poetry Contest, sponsored by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

Ms. Harman and Mr. Bodel are Rutgers poetry contest winners for the second consecutive year. They will appear with Chris Conley, PDS '98, next fall on a segment of Bill Moyers' new PBS-TV series on poetry.

undergraduate degree in chemistry and business administration from the University of Delaware in 1984. After college, he served as a senior business development analyst at Sequa Corporation, New York. He obtained an M.B.A. degree from Seton Hall University in 1988, and a J.D. degree from Seton Hall School of Law in 1991.

Nine area students were named recently to the Dean's List at Tufts University, Medford, Mass.

Princeton residents included **Samuel F. Oberter**, Douglas Drive; **Anna L. Kupin**, Erdman Avenue; and **Jessica R. Oser**, White Oak Drive. Princeton Junction resident **Munna A. Bangawala**, Arnold Drive,

Mr. Duggan received his

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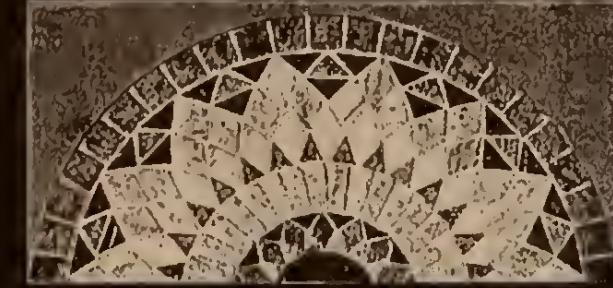
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Since joining the bank in 1978, Ms. Eshleman has served in a variety of management positions in areas ranging from finance, operations management and strategic planning, to cash management services and loan administration.

A cum laude graduate of Princeton University, Ms. Eshleman also holds an M.B.A. degree in finance from New York University.

Princeton resident William S. Barnett, professor of economics and policy at the Rutgers University Graduate School of Education, recently received the Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Research.

Dr. Barnett's research on the benefits of early childhood education in poor school districts formed the basis for major New Jersey state policy decisions regarding state support for pre-kindergarten programs. He also contributed time and expertise to the *Abbott vs. Burke* court case, brought on behalf of children in the state's special-needs school districts.



Diane Varrin Eshleman

Director of the new Center for Early Education at Rutgers, Dr. Barnett has served as investigator or co-principal investigator in

numerous studies on the long-term impact of early childhood education. He has also studied the value of intervention programs for children with disabilities.

Dr. Barnett has served as a consultant to organizations like the World Health Organization, the World Bank, and the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, England.

Princeton resident Anne-Sybil Miquelon Bragadir, daughter of Miquelon Weyeneth, was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. Ms. Bragadir attended Stuart Country Day School. An arts and sciences pre-major, she will graduate in May 2002.

Rebecca Maya Carchman, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Philip S. Carchman, Princeton, was awarded a doctor of medicine (M.D.) degree from the Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, American program, on June 11.

Dr. Carchman, a graduate of Princeton High School and Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., is a resident in pediatrics at the University of North Carolina Hospitals, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Princeton Junction resident David Vecchione, a junior at The Hun School, was recently cited as the student receiving highest honors for the spring semester at the school.



Rebecca Carchman

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Princeton University Registrar C. Anthony Broh, has been appointed director of research by the Consortium on Financing Higher Education (COFHE), Cambridge, Mass. The appointment is effective October 1.

As Princeton registrar, a position he has filled since 1984, Dr. Broh has represented the University on a number of COFHE task forces and committees. He most recently completed a two-year term on the organization's research advisory committee.

In his new position, Dr. Broh will be responsible for developing and overseeing the COFHE research agenda and policies, as well as for supervising research staff. He will design and execute major research projects and will oversee the development and applications of technology.

Dr. Broh, who began his career by teaching political science, has taught both graduate and undergraduate courses at Columbia University, Duke, Princeton and Rutgers. He is the author of two books, as well as several articles, chapters, and reports on higher education and political science. He belongs to a number of professional organizations.

Since May, he has served on the Princeton Regional Schools' long-range planning task force, for which he is creating a database of all the rooms in all PRS facilities, from classrooms to storage closets. The database will help the task force determine the "efficiency usage" of district facilities.

Dr. Broh received his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin. His undergraduate degree is from Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va.; and he did post-doctoral work in psychology and political science at Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

Army National Guard Pfc. Edward O. Nester, Jr., son of Joan H. Nester of Fieldston road, has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

A graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy, he received an associate degree in 1999 from Valley Forge Military College. During the eight weeks of training, Pfc. Nester will study the Army mission, receive instruction in the full range of military training, tradition, and history, and special training in human relations.

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## News of Clubs and Organizations

### Recorder Society Has New Music Director

The Princeton Recorder Society has appointed Sue Parisi to the position of music director. Ms. Parisi — who will teach a course in intermediate recorder ensemble at the Princeton Adult School in the fall — holds a master's degree in music education from The College of New Jersey (Trenton State). She taught vocal and instrumental music in the South Brunswick school system for 30 years.

Choir director and organist for the Neshanic Reformed Church, Ms. Parisi has studied recorder privately with Peter Rose, an internationally-known performer and teacher of contemporary recorder music.

A performer with the Woodland Consort, Ms. Parisi studies with Deborah Booth, at the Princeton Recorder Academy. She has also taken master classes with Dan Laurin, Han Tol, and Marion Verbruggen.

The Princeton Recorder Society will celebrate its 35th anniversary next year. It meets every second Tuesday evening, from 7:30 to 9:30, from September through May, at the Kingston Presbyterian Church, Main Street.

Adult players at all levels — from beginning to advanced — may participate. A different conductor leads the group each month; and several members also provide lessons to the public.

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Peter D. Halstead, executive vice president of Summit Bank, will be the luncheon speaker at the general membership meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the Princeton Area, on September 2. The meeting will take place at the Doral Forrestal, from 11:30 to 1:30, during the Chamber's Business Trade Fair.

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Mr. Halstead's topic will be "The 21st Century Bank: The Proper Partner in Every Trade."

The cost will be \$25 to Chamber members; \$28, for all others. For more information, call 520-1776.

The Delaware Valley Poets Workshop will meet at the Lawrenceville Public Library, Darrah Lane, Lawrenceville, on September 2 and 16, starting at 7:30

The Chamber of Commerce of the Princeton Area will present a combined exposition on September 2. Along with the Chamber's annual Business Trade Fair, the U. S. 1 newspaper will offer its annual technology showcase.

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## Two Local Artists To Exhibit in Pennington

Chestnut Street resident Betty Curtiss and Melisande D'Alessio, Princeton Junction, will exhibit their work in a two-woman show at the Morpeth Gallery, 18 North Main Street, Pennington, from September 7 through September 30.

A reception with the artists will take place at the gallery on Saturday, September 11, from 5 to 8.

Ms. Curtiss, whose medium is oil paint, has been documenting the local landscape for the past three years. She calls it "painting at the source." Recent paintings include views of the Delaware, roadsides in Hunterdon County, and the boardwalk at the Jersey Shore. A number of still life paintings, as well as landscapes, will be part of the exhibition.

Ms. Curtiss' career as a fine artist follows an extensive involvement in professional theater as an actress, director, and producer. When she is not working on location, she paints at Artworks in Trenton.

The artist's work has been exhibited in the Phillips Mill and Mercer County Artists Juried shows. Her painting Chestnut Street-February Thaw was reproduced for the 1999 US One Calendar.

Ms. D'Alessio uses clay to express her interest in ritual transformation and the feminine aspect of nature. She holds a degree in fine arts and art therapy from Trenton State College and became a full-time artist, following a bout with cancer during which she returned to the medium for therapy and healing.

Her work has been featured in magazines like Country



**LOCAL LANDSCAPES:** Princeton artist Betty Curtiss will exhibit still lifes and local landscapes, like this "Frontage Road," at the Morpeth Gallery, 18 North Main Street, Pennington, from September 7 through September 28. Also showing will be Melisande D'Alessio, a ceramic sculptor from Pennington. Call 737-9313.

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## New Curator at MCCC Seeks Volunteer Help

Tricia Fagan, the former executive director of Artworks, The Visual Arts School of Princeton and Trenton, has been appointed curator of The Gallery at Mercer County Community College.

A freelance writer and editor, Ms. Fagan has extensive experience in arts administration. She was project manager for the Arts Promotional Initiative, a project of New Jersey Network and the NJ State Council on the Arts.

She is a founding member and current board president of Trenton Avant Garde, Inc., and is curator of an annual women's history month art show.

Ms. Fagan is seeking volunteers to greet gallery visitors for two-hour periods, either during the day or in the evening. For more information, or to volunteer, call 586-4800, extension 3589, or e-mail: [symonss@mccc.edu](mailto:symonss@mccc.edu).

## Exhibits

A one-woman show by Princeton artist, printmaker, and author Anita Benarde will open at the new Highlands

Gallery, Forsgate Country Club, Monroe Township, on

September 2. The exhibition, entitled "Medley," will continue through Wednesday, October 27.

Ms. Benarde, a representative painter, also creates prints and handmade papers, all of which will be represented in the exhibition.

During her career, Ms. Benarde has written, illustrated, and published several children's books. She frequently lectures on fine art and the creative process, to adult audiences.

Ms. Benarde has exhibited in solo and group shows in New York City, throughout New Jersey, and in Bucks County, Pa. Her work is also in private and corporate collections across the country, as well as in governmental collections in Sweden, Bahrain, and the United States.

For information about gallery hours, which vary, call the Forsgate Reception Desk, at 732-521-0070.

Work from one of the oldest art communities in the world — Jiangsu Province of Nanjing, China — will be on display at the Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters Gallery in New Brunswick, through September 30.

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## Arts Council to Hold Fall Ceramics Classes

Starting September 20, classes in ceramics will be held for adults at the Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street. The classes will meet during the day, as well as in the evening, and will be designed for students at all skill levels. Beginning, intermediate and advanced classes will be offered.

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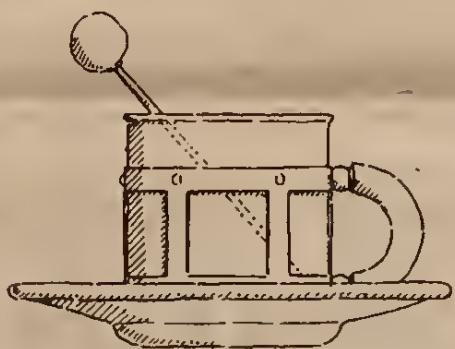
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Ms. Rigolot, a 1989 graduate of Princeton High School, received her bachelor's degree from Catholic University, Washington, D.C. She is completing a doctorate in French literature at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Mr. Adamson is a graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., and the George Mason School of Law, Fairfax, Va.

The couple is planning a wedding in Paris in the spring.

#### Weddings

**Potts-Grabowsky.** Tara Alexandra Grabowsky, daughter of Axel L. Grab Carol and François Rigolot, Pretty Brook Road, to Eric Adamson, son of Françoise R. Adamson, Germantown, Md., and the late Dr. William E. Adamson.

The bride, who is keeping her name, was valedictorian of the Stuart Country Day School class of 1988. She graduated magna cum laude from Dartmouth College, with a major in ecology and physical anthropology. In June, she received an M.D. degree from Stanford Medical School, Stanford, Calif. She is a resident in internal medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, Mass.

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Tara Grabowsky and Kevin Potts

Mr. Potts is a graduate of Spalding Institute, Stanford Business School, and the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., where he studied systems engineering. He is a former infantry officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is employed as a management consultant for McKinsey & Company.

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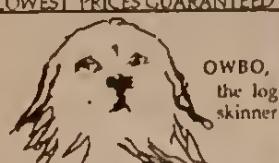
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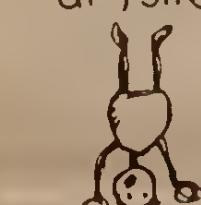
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## 1999-00 Tiger Hockey Will Be Pressed To Equal Last Year's ECAC Record

The Princeton hockey team will have its usual 11-game home schedule with its ECAC opponents for the 1999-00 season, but the Tigers will play just one other official contest in Baker Rink during the winter for a total of 12 home dates.

The biggest change is the starting time for Friday home games. The opening face off has been moved up to 7 from 7:30, not just at Baker Rink but all other ECAC rinks as well. Saturday games will continue to begin at 7. Only one contest will have a different starting time a 5 p.m. game with UMass-Lowell here on Sunday, January 23. That is the only non-league game the Orange and Black will play at home.

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first weekend in November, Friday and Saturday, November 5 and 6 when coach Don Cahoon's skaters host St. Lawrence and Clarkson.

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weekend in December on Friday and Saturday the 3rd and 4th, and except for an exhibition contest against International Team on Thursday, December 30, that will be the last chance to catch Princeton at home until the UMass-Lowell game on January 23.

The rest of December Princeton will be on the road, traveling first to Minnesota for two contests with Bemidji State on successive nights, Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11. A week later the Orange and Black will play twice at Notre Dame on Sunday, December 19 and Monday, December 20. There is no post-Christmas tournament scheduled for this year.

### Tough Trip in 2000

In the new year, Old Nassau will begin with a tough road trip to Brown and Harvard on Friday and Saturday, January 7 and 8. That will be followed by the usual two-week break for exams.

ECAC action will resume against Rensselaer and Union in Baker Rink on Friday and Saturday, January 28 and 29. In early February Princeton will play away on successive weekends, first making its longest road trip of the winter to Clarkson and St. Lawrence on Friday and Saturday, February 4 and 5. The following Friday and Saturday, it will be back in New York state for games against Union and Rensselaer on Friday and Saturday, February 11 and 12.

A four-game home stand will follow with Vermont and Dartmouth coming here on Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19, followed by Harvard and Brown on Friday and Saturday, February 25 and 26. The regular season ends the first weekend in March with games against Colgate and Cornell on Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4.

The ECAC quarterfinal rounds will be held March 10-12. The five winners will head for Lake Placid for the championship series there on March 16-18. NCAA regional play will begin March 24-26 with the four winners continuing on to Providence for the NCAA Frozen Four the first weekend in April.

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**HE'S GONE:** Jeff Halpern capped off a superb four-year career at Princeton by scoring 44 points, 22 goals, 22 assists, in his senior year, leading the Tigers to their best record in 66 years.

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**Tiger Hockey**

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The 1999-00 Tiger team will be hard pressed to match last year's accomplishments, which included the best ever ECAC record, 13-8-1, since the round robin competition began in 1984; the best overall record 20-12-2 in 66 years; and the first Ivy title (shared with Yale) since the 1952-53 season. Along the way Princeton won the Manucci Classic in Minnesota, beating both the Golden Gophers and Boston University. The Tigers reached the Final Five Championship Series in Lake Placid for the second consecutive year, before suffering a heartbreaking 6-5 loss to Clarkson in the semifinals.

Gone from that team are four players that accounted for 134 points between them. Forward Jeff Halpern collected 44, forward Scott Bertoli had 36, face-off specialist Syl Apps was one behind with 35, and defenseman Steve Shireffs amassed 19. Goalie Nick Rankin who posted a 7-4 record with a 2.85 goals per game average, and a save percentage of .892 has also graduated.

**Benoit Morin Is Back**

Key returnees at forward include seniors Benoit Morin, who had 24 points last winter, and Brad Meredith, juniors Shane Campbell, Chris Corrinet, Ethan Doyle and Kirk Lamb. Captain Darren Yopyk will anchor the defense, and goalie Dave Stathos will hope to build on a superb freshman year, which saw him record a 12-5-2 record, a 2.90 goals against average and a save percentage of .892.

The incoming freshman class yielded seven recruits — four forwards, two defensemen and a goalie. The top forward prospect is George Parros, a Randolph, New Jersey native, taken in the eighth round of the 1999 NHL Entry Draft by the Los Angeles Kings. Parros was Rookie of the Year last season as a member of the Chicago Freeze of the North American Hockey League. At 6'5, 218-lbs, he is one of the biggest forwards Princeton has had in years.

Another newcomer expected to make an immediate impact is Clint Walper, who hails from Dellsle, Saskatchewan. He played for the Kindersley Klippers of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League last season, and is

expected to bring some much-needed speed to the team. James Whitacre, Marietta, PA and Scott Prime, Moncton, New Brunswick are also expected to contribute. Whitacre, who played at Kimball Union Academy, is a get-in-your-face type of player. Prime played with the Moncton Beavers of the Maritime Junior Hockey League.



**HE'S BACK:** Sophomore goalie Dave Stathos is hoping to build on a fine freshman season which saw him record 12 victories in 19 starts.

There are only two freshmen defensemen this season, but coach Don Cahoon is excited about both of them. Neil McCann, Calgary, Alberta, was the Defenseman of the Year as a member of the Calgary Canucks of the American Junior Hockey League last season. He has good all-around skills and great poise with the puck.

Coming out of Cornwall, VT, Trevor Beaney, played for the Taft School, last year, and no doubt Cahoon and his assistants got a good look at him during the Lawrenceville Tournament. Beaney possesses good hands and vision and like many of his teammates, will be a presence on the blue line because of his size, 6-4, 210-lbs.

With Rankin graduating, Cahoon has brought in a newcomer in goal, Nate Nomeiland of Fargo, ND. He played for the Waterloo Blackhawks of the United States Hockey League last year, but don't look for him to break into the rotation in goal as quickly as Stathos did a year ago. Senior Craig Bradley is the other goalie.

Princeton will have a new assistant coach this season; Mike Bois, a 1997 graduate, will take over from Mark Dennehy, who is now the head coach at Fairfield. Bois will help assistant coach Len Quesnelle with the recruiting process, especially in the Midwest, Western Ontario and Western Canada.

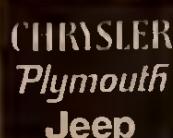
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30 PHS Boys' Soccer  
Hopes to Live Up  
To 1998 Standard

Last year, Princeton High had the type of team that comes along once in a career for some coaches.

Wayne Sutcliffe hopes he is not one of those coaches. He hopes his team will continue to play at such a high level.

But doing so will not be easy. Princeton lost six all-conference players to graduation. Four of those also won all-state honors.

"When you lose that many guys," said Sutcliffe, "who are that good, that strong, with that much experience, there are bound to be challenges ahead. Still, I'm optimistic about our young guys."

"For about four years now, it's been good soccer. And the guys we have [now] can do that: play good soccer and win."

Sutcliffe's idea of "good soccer" is to attack, to push the pace of the game, using quick decisive passes to get the ball into the penalty area, then putting it into the net with authority, and frequency. "It's a good brand to play, and it's good for people to watch," he said.

When it works it's also tremendously effective. Last year, Princeton was undefeated in the regular season, won the conference title, and was ranked sixth in the state in a coaches poll.

"We scored 91 goals in 20 games," said Coach Sutcliffe.



**TRI-CAPTAINS:** Matt Levine, Dixon Hayes, and Osmar Chanquin will captain Princeton High's boys' soccer team this fall.

and two players, Demont [Heard] and [Estuardo] Ramirez were responsible for 50 of them. Now we need to see who the guys are who can put the ball in the right spaces, and who can score when the pressure is on them — not an easy task."

**Graduation Losses**

Ramirez and Heard are both gone, as are keeper Noah Scovronick and defenseman Noah Stout — all four made the all-state team. But some talented starters from the 1998 team remain, including tri-captains Dixon

Hayes, Matt Levine, and Osmar Chanquin.

"I can't say enough about the guys who have been in the program," said Coach Sutcliffe of his returnees.

"They're good leaders. All of them are experienced, know how to win, and have played a big part in the success of the program."

Hayes sounded like a leader Monday after the team's first practice. "Last year, the seniors hated losing," said Hayes. "I think that's rubbed off on the younger players

who were around ... we don't have the same talent ... we might not be able to coast, and win games 6-0, but we should be able to beat any team we play."

Salvi Baldino, a junior who backed up Scovronick last year, is expected to start in goal, but senior Matt Blass is challenging for the position.

"Salvi saw time in about half our games [in 1998]," said Sutcliffe. "We're looking for him to push himself, work hard and do the best he can in order for us to win."

Outside of the net, who will play where is much less certain, but Sutcliffe expected Jaime Annexy, Eric Krieger, Matt Landau, Angel Martinez, Nelson Guerrero, Livy Stout, and Whitney Hayes to contribute. All of them saw some time last year. And others may impress during the pre-season practice period.

The hardest thing will be to replicate what we've done in the past," said Sutcliffe. "Four of our guys have had starting older brothers, and they're anxious to try and fill their [brother's] shoes ... the young guys are looking to keep the standard up."

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## PHS Girls' Soccer Lost Some Talent, But Has Lots Left

Princeton High's girls' soccer team lost two all-county players to graduation, but has 13 members with varsity experience coming back, and is hoping to return to the state tournament, and improve on its 11-7 overall finish last year.

Coach Greg Hand feels his defense, anchored by co-captains Jessie Hayden (sweeper) and Beth Schwendt (outside defender) is solid. He is less sure about the offense, but has high hopes his team can play a more aggressive, attacking game than it did in 1998.

"One of our most important objectives," he said, "is to develop better tactics. We'll be looking to penetrate quickly, put the ball in the penalty area more, and get better shots. Last year, we often played a little too cautiously."

### Lineup Not Set

The Tigers began practicing Monday, and while their lineup has not been finalized, it will certainly include returning all-county attackers Munti Abdul-Karim and Liz Miller.



**CO-CAPTAINS:** Jessie Hayden and Beth Schwendt are captains of the Princeton High girls' soccer team this year.

"We're working on passing quicker," said Coach Hand, "getting the ball behind the defense. Everyone needs to be on the same page; hopefully that will come now that our forwards have been playing together a while. If they can get to know each other a little better, work on timing, anticipating, maybe we can have a very productive year."

Coach Hand has some holes to fill, but believes he has the players to do so. Melissa Gordon, a junior who saw some time at midfield last year while acting as a valuable utility player, will try to fill the big cleats left by Jess Beeson, who earned all county honors at midfield as a senior last season.

Liz Just will try to fill the void left by the Tigers other departed all-county player:

goalkeeper Tammy Wang. "She's been working hard all summer," said Hand. "Lots of work with [PHS trainer] Carlos Salazar ... trying to develop explosiveness, quickness of feet, jumping ability."

Keepers get in lots of collisions, and the stronger they are the less likely they are to be injured — a big concern for the Tigers, whose lineup was often depleted by injuries last year.

Just was not the only player who worked out hard over the summer. "One of the greatest things to see," said Coach Hand, "was that so many did train in one way or another ... The seniors have a great sense of purpose ... and I get no sense from the underclassmen that they can wait a year or two. Everybody wants this year to be a good one."

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Three made the first team: senior captain Comer Shuford, junior vice-captain Katie Stewart, and senior Regan Marsh. Julia Taylor, another senior captain, joined Juniors Liz Bogel and Elisabeth de Fontenay on the All-American second team.

Princeton received more selections than any other school. "Obviously we're thrilled to have had these players recognized by the national rugby community," said Princeton coach Alex Curtis. "... However, it took a full team effort to allow these six to excel and so I see this as very much a reflection of the hard work put in by all 30 players on our first team squad."

Princeton finished second among the nation's 272 women's collegiate rugby programs. It was the team's fourth finish in the top four nationally during the past five years.

Princeton was not ranked in the top 16 nationally in the pre-season before what was supposed to be a rebuilding year. Some rebuilding year.

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## Diverse Presence In Science, Math A Goal of Camp

Toby Peterson was distressed at the proportionally small number of blacks employed in mathematics and the sciences, so she helped organize a camp devoted to math, science, and computers for minority children of middle-school age.

A dozen children attended the camp, which was held at Princeton University and recently finished. Most of the children were of African descent, and all were minorities.

The camp is part of a larger program Ms. Peterson started and directs called "College Bound."

College Bound, she explained, paired volunteer tutors with children for help in subjects like math, science, and reading during the school year. This was the first summer camp the organization put on. Ms. Peterson hopes to organize more camps in the future. "We hope to get some European-American students — I don't like the term 'white' — In there too," she said. She is looking into getting non-profit status for her organization.

Ms. Peterson once taught in New York City, and briefly taught at the Princeton Charter School.

The summer camp met on Tuesdays and Thursdays, running from 9 to 12:30. Several people who work in math, science, and computers volunteered their time to give lessons in their area of expertise. Lee Newirth, a retired mathematician — who once served as director of the Institute for Defense Analysis, located on Thonet Road — supervised the children.

Princeton University allowed the use of its facilities, gave the campers free computer lab accounts, and even gave them lunch at its Third World Center each day. The campers had lessons in computer programming.

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"We had a bicycle day," said Mr. Newirth. "There are all sorts of engineering principals at work in a bicycle: levers, gears. We discussed the history of the bicycle, how engineering made it more modern, with better materials."

Another lesson, which Mr. Newirth felt went off well, was in computer programming. "Some of the kids have even started programming at their home computers," he said.

Another day, astronomer Jeremy Goodman demonstrated how to measure the size of the moon and the circumference of the earth using ancient methods. The class later got a more modern look at astronomy, and the stars, during a night session at the university's observatory.

Ms. Peterson hoped the camp might inspire some of the kids who attended it to consider careers in math or science, and that the experience would at least make future math and science classes less intimidating.

"My favorite lesson was about the bicycle," said camper Atu Agawu, who hails from Ghana, Africa, and is entering the eighth grade at John Witherspoon. "Probably," he answered when asked if it might work in math or science one day. "I prefer science. I'd like to do something in aerospace engineering."

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"Grandpals" also needs volunteers to share a little of their time reading stories to at-risk youngsters. Volunteers will read one-on-one with young children who participate in the Princeton Young Achievers after-school program. They are also needed to read on Saturdays, in the College-Bound program.

Those who prefer a flexible schedule may become substitute readers.

Grandparents/Grandpartners is supported with funds from the Princeton Area Community Foundation, Princeton Youth Fund, and a private family foundation.

To volunteer, call the program's director Carole Levy, at 924-7108.

## World War II Bombers To Be at Mercer Airport

Veterans of World War II, aviation buffs, historians, and friends, are invited to come to Mercer County Airport on Sunday, August 29 through Tuesday, August 31, to see two historic World War II bombers — the B-24 and the B-17.

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## Jerry Lewis Telethon Seeks Area Volunteers

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is seeking volunteers from the area to help with one of America's best-known Labor Day traditions, the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, set to air September 5 and 6, on 200 stations nationwide.

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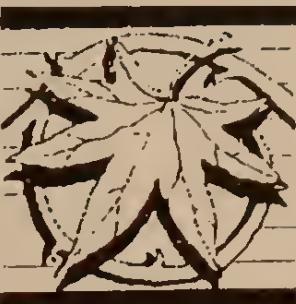
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**GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN:** The death of Bobby Campbell (standing, fourth from left), prompted his family and friends Bill Cirullo (kneeling, fourth from left), Chris Cahill and John Morris (standing, seventh and eighth from left) to establish a memorial scholarship. They are pictured at a reunion for PHS lacrosse players held last year. This year's reunion is September 18.

### Bobby Campbell

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And it inspired Campbell's family, his former PHS coach, and two former PHS teammates — people for whom Campbell was a far more important figure than Magic or Mickey — to establish a scholarship in his honor.

"[Campbell] was a magnificent individual," said Bill Cirullo, principal of Riverside Elementary School since 1986. Cirullo coached the PHS lacrosse team from 1974-82. Along with Campbell's family, and with Chris Cahill and John Morris — Campbell's co-captains in 1978 — Mr. Cirullo established the Bobby Campbell Lacrosse fund.

"His family wanted a scholarship," said Mr. Cirullo. He, Cahill, Morris and the Campbell's raised money, then asked current PHS lacrosse coach Peter Stanton to recommend a senior player for financial aid. Stanton recommended defendant Stephan Apse, who got \$1000 to help him attend Connecticut College in the fall.

The award honors a senior lacrosse player who has demonstrated outstanding character, leadership, and values, said Mr. Cirullo.

"[The Campbell's] wanted to focus on lacrosse," he continued. "Because of his passion and love for the game, they thought it would be a good way to honor him."

### A Special Award

Stephan Apse received the award at the team's annual banquet — in a ceremony that had added meaning because Campbell had spoken to many of the attending players at a similar banquet a few years earlier. "They knew who he was," said Cirullo.

"I was aware of the tradition this program had," said Coach Stanton. "It was real successful in the '70's and into the '80's. And [Campbell] was one of those people who was very dedicated and had a lot to do with that."

"I felt a responsibility to live up to those people, and I wanted our players to get a sense of that tradition, so I invited him to speak. We had only won two games that year. He said he saw signs we could turn it around. Personally, he gave me a lot of hope. He could see early on that we were

on the right track ... He spoke in '97. In '98 we went 9-4 and qualified for states."

Last year, the Tigers did even better, going 14-4 and winning a game in the state tournament — a remarkable two year turnaround that led to Stanton being named Bianchi Division Coach of the Year.

Mr. Cirullo hopes to increase the scholarship in the future. He also wants to use the Campbell fund to provide lacrosse clinics for children. One way he hopes to raise money is with a PHS lacrosse reunion he has scheduled for Saturday, September 18 at Riverside.

### Expanding Reunion

**H**e organized a reunion last year for his former players. This year, he hopes to draw players from any period of the program's 35-year history. Mr. Cirullo, a 1966 PHS graduate, falls into that category himself, having played for the school's very first team.

Getting word of the reunion out has not been easy. "We've been working the phones like crazy," said Mr. Cirullo. "There are no lists. Sometimes you can't find people, even ones from a few years ago."

The reunion is outdoors from 3 to 6 p.m. Attendees are welcome to bring their families. The event will feature food, soft drinks, and, of course, a lacrosse game. "We need to get those alumni exercising their joints," said Mr. Cirullo.

There will be a charge. Proceeds will benefit the Campbell fund. Mr. Cirullo said he expected to ask for about \$30 to \$35 from individuals, and roughly \$50 from families.

But the event is not merely a fund-raiser, said Mr. Cirullo. "As heartbreaking as this has been," he said of Campbell's death, "it has shown us the value of community and friendship." He hopes the reunion will strengthen old friendships and welcome back members to the PHS lacrosse community. Those who plan to attend should call Mr. Cirullo at 924-7921 or 737-2426.

Some of the greatest sports stories happen off the field. As his friends and family do good things in his name, Bobby Campbell's story keeps getting better.

—Albert Raboteau

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QUESTION: I've got a friend who's depressed. He's always so negative, as if looking at life through a dark and gloomy filter. How can I help him?

ANSWER: People who are depressed suffer from a "domino effect". Ideas effect feelings, which in turn effect behavior. To help a depressed person, we need to turn bad ideas good.

A. THINKING: Negative ideas bring people down because they are distorted. Helping your friend is helping him find & correct the distortion. Let me give you some examples.

1. MAGNIFYING: Flubbing a job interview neither makes you an idiot, nor does it mean that all future interviews are hopeless and futile wastes of your time. Try not to blow things out of proportion, but instead realize that a mistake today can be corrected tomorrow. Life is often more gray than black & white.

2. DWELLING: While everyone has weaknesses, why focus exclusively on them? Instead, regain perspective by taking the blinders off, and not discounting your positive qualities and accomplishments. This is not an internal "snow job", but rather seeing that the glass is really a lot more than half-full.

3. ASSUMING: Predicting that people will not like you, and that you will never find a job or fail in love condemns you to a self-fulfilling prophecy where you are sitting at home alone on a Saturday night all because you have projected your own self-doubt onto others. Try to give people, and yourself, a chance.

4. BLAMING: Playing ping pong with blame is again all-or-nothing thinking, where your anger can point inwards to see yourself as a "loser" or outwards to see others as "cruel". Stop labeling yourself and others, and instead see your thinking as depriving you and them from opportunities to grow and be happy.

B. TREATING: Helping your friend can be done by:

1. EVIDENCE: Ask your friend to prove his point, for there will not be sufficient evidence for his generalizations.

2. QUESTIONS: Ride his irrational, inconsistent, and negative thoughts until they crash. Asking him probing questions gets him to do the work of examining his own ideas, with the hope that his innate intelligence will help him to abandon ideas that now look foolish.

3. FANTASY: Get him to imagine and confront his worst fears, helping him realize that he is really facing a paper tiger. If he can deal with the worst that could happen, then dealing with less than that should be a cinch.

4. OPENNESS: As this is your friend, show him how you have faced your own demons, dealing with self-doubt, anger, or shyness. Then, he will not be alone.

5. SUBSTITUTION: Finally, get your friend to replace his negative idea with a more positive and accurate one, which will gradually result in happier feelings and more productive behavior.

C. READING: If you found this helpful, consider reading either *Feeling Good* by David Burns or any text on Cognitive Therapy by Aaron Beck.

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## OBITUARIES

where she was a former elder and member of the Bell Choir, among many other activities. She was also very active in the West Windsor Senior Center.

Wife of the late Rolland T. McMillen and mother of the late Candace McMillen, she is survived by a son Kevin W. McMillen of Princeton Junction; daughters, Deborah M. Breslin of Pennington, Rebecca McMillen of Hamilton, and Megan M. Damiano of Goshen, N.Y.; and 12 grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, the Reverend Mollie Dykstra officiating. A memorial service will be held in September, at a date to be announced.

Contributions may be made to Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church, 154 South Mill Road, Princeton Junction, N.J. 08550, or American Cancer Society, Mercer County Chapter, 3076 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, N.J. 08648.

**Emily Smith O'Kane**, 91, died August 18 at her home in Princeton.

Mrs. O'Kane lived her entire life in Princeton, where she was born in 1907. She graduated from St. Paul's Catholic School and Princeton High School, and she attended Rider Business College in Trenton. She was employed for a period of time as a bookkeeper and as a dental assistant, and she subsequently married and reared four children.

At the age of 50, Mrs. O'Kane re-entered the work world as a sales clerk and buyer for H.P. Clayton of Princeton, and retired 32 years later at the age of 82. She also designed the window decorations for Clayton's store, which were much admired by many customers.

Mrs. O'Kane was a life-long parishioner of St. Paul's Church, and was a former member of the Catholic Daughters. She enjoyed cooking, baking, and reading, and she is fondly remembered for her many stories of life in Princeton and at the University in the early to mid-1900s.

Wife of the late Thomas R. O'Kane, Jr., she is survived by daughters, Joan Moore of Portsmouth, Va., and Kathleen Bigioni of Burlington; sons, Thomas R. O'Kane III, of Princeton Junction, and Dr. Dennis J. O'Kane of Rochester, Minn.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Kimball Funeral home, and Mass of Christian Burial at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Health Care Ministry of St. Paul's Church, 216 Nassau Street, Princeton, N.J. 08540.

**Bernice M. McMillen**, 75, died at the Princeton Medical Center August 17.

Born in New Brunswick, Mrs. McMillen had lived in Princeton Junction since 1932. She graduated from Princeton High School in 1941 and from the New Jersey College for Women, which later became Douglas College.

Mrs. McMillen was a very active member of the Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church,

Lance of Old bridge; a daughter, Christine Isaac of New Egypt; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at noon Wednesday at Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, Vandeventer Street. Burial will be in Princeton Cemetery.

**Hsiang Peng "Mike" Liao**, 75, died August 20 at the Princeton Medical Center.

Born in Nanping, China, Mr. Liao immigrated to the U.S. as a graduate student in 1947, and became a naturalized citizen in 1953. He was a resident of Penns Neck for the past 21 years.

A graduate of Fudan Christian University in Fuzhou, he received a Ph. D. from Northwestern University.

Mr. Liao was employed by Standard Oil of Indiana, and as a research chemist for FMC Corporation in Princeton. He retired in 1989 with 93 patents. He was a member of the American Chemical Society, an active member of the West Windsor Senior Citi-

zans Association, and the U.S.-China Membership Association.

Mr. Liao is survived by two sons, Jacob Liao of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Mike Liao of Princeton; a daughter, Wesla of Austin, Texas; three brothers, Hsiang Hua Liao of Guangzhou, China, Hsiang Lung Liao of Hixson, Tenn., and Hsiang Ying Liao of Charlotte, N.C.; two sisters, Hsiang Zhen of Taiwan, and Hsiang Bing of New York City; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, September 5 at 6 p.m. at the Princeton United Methodist Church, Nassau Street and Vandeventer Avenue. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Friends of West Windsor senior Citizens, P.O. Box 808, Princeton Junction, N.J. 08550.

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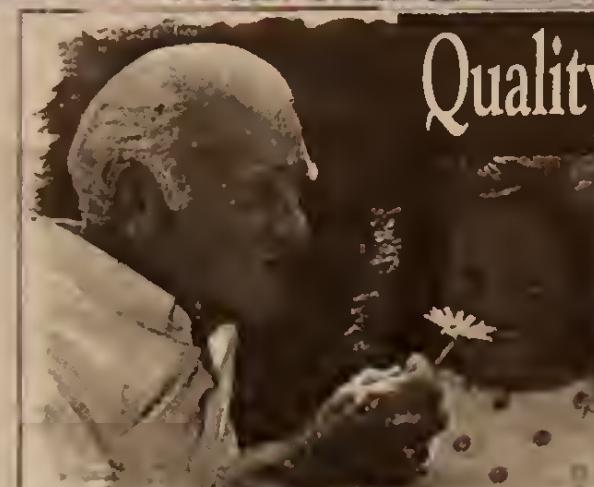
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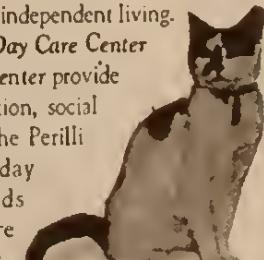
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Joyce MacKichan Walker, Director of Christian Education  
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**William J. Hubbard**, 46,  
died August 23 at the Princeton  
Medical Center.Born in Trenton, Mr. Hubbard  
lived in Princeton for  
most of his adult life.Son of the late Betty M.  
Gilbert and W. Richard Hubbard,  
he is survived by a son,  
Sean Hubbard of Bensalem,  
Pa.; a sister, Kathleen  
Meszaros of Trenton; two  
brothers, Patrick Hubbard  
and Robert Hubbard, both of  
Hamilton; several aunts,  
uncles, nieces, and nephews;  
and a special friend, Edward  
McNinch.A graveside service will be  
held at 11 a.m. Friday at  
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Skillman. Participants are  
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of whom have had successful  
theater or film careers, and  
who are assembling for the  
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Belle Mead, the cast has  
worked on the script for  
nearly two years. This ancient  
Jewish text, "adapted literally  
from the Catholic Bible, is a  
love story told through the  
lives of two families in need  
and the angel sent in disguise  
to demonstrate God's com-  
mitment," noted Mr. Nutt.  
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with contemporary  
music and song.The cast includes Princeton  
University graduates, Jamie  
581-3889.Horton, a noted regional  
actor in Denver, and Carol  
Dunne, a noted actress in  
Cleveland. Peter Hackett, Ms.  
Dunne's husband, also a  
member of the cast, is the  
Artistic Director of the Cle-  
veland Playhouse. Mr. Nutt is a  
former actor and director in  
film and television.This special event is free to  
the public and open to people  
of all faiths. The 90-minute  
production is recommended  
for young adults and older  
persons.The Princeton Church of  
Christ will hold a series of  
Divorce Recovery programs.  
The Divorce Recovery Sup-  
port Group will meet Friday  
September 3 and Friday, Sep-  
tember 24 at 7:30 p.m. for  
open discussion. A Divorce  
Recovery Seminar will be  
held Friday, September 10 at  
7:30 p.m. The topic is "Deal-  
ing with Anger". All meet-  
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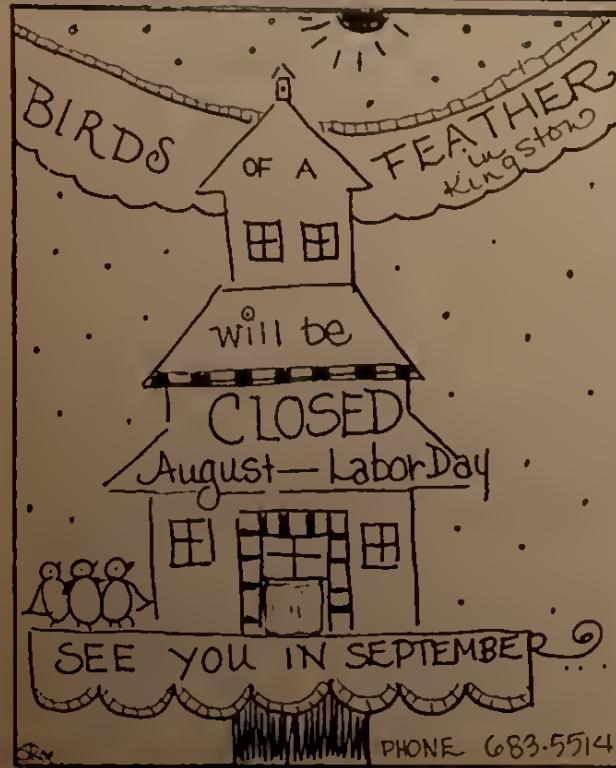
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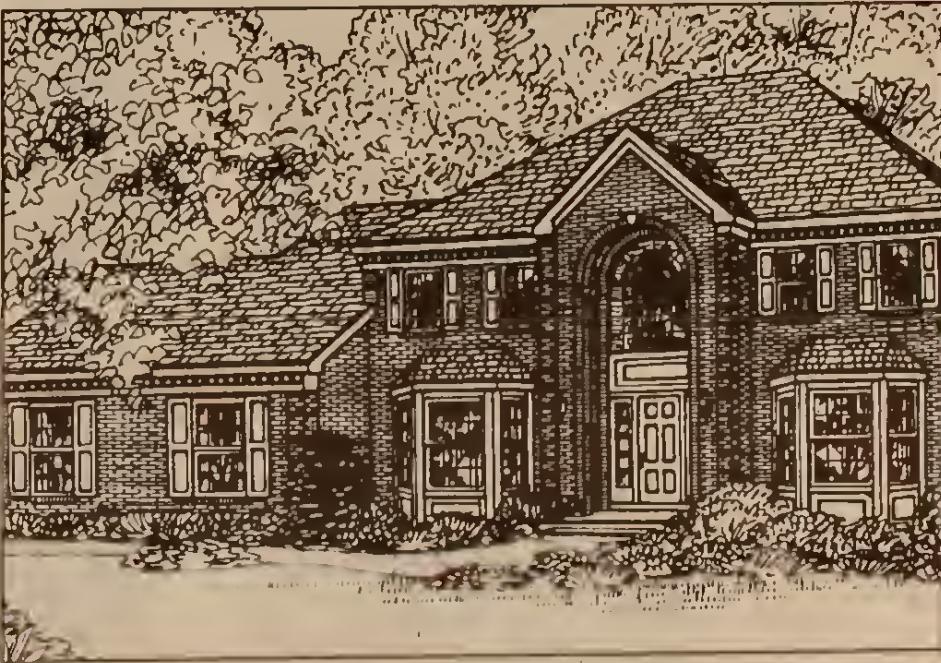
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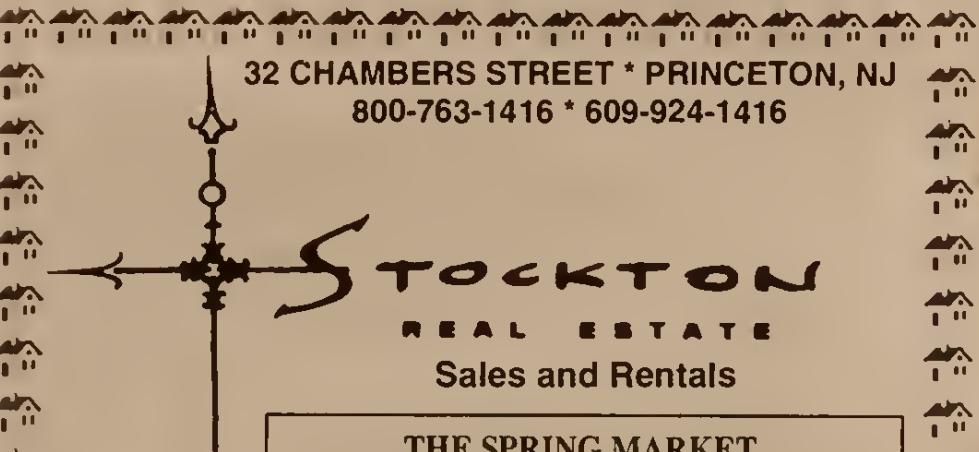
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**Hopewell Township** - This charming Colonial c1730, with hand-hewn beams and original fireplaces, boasts a 1970s William Thompson addition with formal rooms, family room with fireplace. 13 magnificent acres, cottage, tennis court. Princeton address.



**Hopewell Township** - Pastoral views and privacy, 6 acres of woodlands and field come with this comfortable 3 bedroom Contemporary. Delightful sun room, great room with fireplace and large loft overlooking living room are some of the features.

\$475,000



**Stockton** - Laogaland Farm - A 50 acre estate with a historic stone farmhouse c1780 transformed by superbly executed additions and renovations in 1988 into a magnificent Manor House. Charming stone caretaker's cottage, stone barn, tennis court, pond.



**Princeton** - A delightful floor plan offers surprising space in this attractive multi-level. Living room with fireplace, dining room with chairrail. Eat-in kitchen opens to intimate patio. Expansive family room opens to second patio. 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths.

\$390,000



**Lawrence Township** - Renovated and updated, this elegant 18th century Colonial retains its original grace with spacious formal rooms and light-filled contemporary areas. Family room opens to conservatory. 16 acres, beautiful plantings, pool.



**Princeton** - At the curve of a secluded cul-de-sac close to Nassau St., this charming house has 3 bedrooms, bath and complete apartment with full kitchen, bath and outside entrance on the lower level. Delightful screened porch for seasonal use.

\$265,000

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**NEW LISTING.** As you approach this elegant colonial, you cannot help but be struck by its appeal. The traditional brick front, reminiscent of Williamsburg, meshes well with the mature plantings and magnificent trees. As you enter this home, its quality will also be evident. Large living room leads to library, both with extra length windows and sophisticated window treatments. Enormous eat-in kitchen offers plenty of space for everyday meals and, for more formal events, there is a gracious dining room. Family room has natural stone fireplace and wetbar. The laundry room is so large it has been suggested that it can be converted to an au pair room, as it is adjacent to one of the full baths. Four generous bedrooms and three and one half baths. One of the real bonuses is the location, which is near the end of a cul-de-sac, and the unbeatable wooded lot, complete with secret garden paths around a brilliant in-ground pool. This house is a knockout! Kingsbrook in Lawrence Township.

**\$449,000**

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**EVERYONE SEEMS TO WANT ONE FLOOR LIVING NOWADAYS** and here it is! This pristine ranch offers three bedrooms and a family room/library as well. The living room has a delightful fireplace; the dining room is certainly large enough to accommodate guests and holiday feasts! And you're in luck, because the owners recently completed remodeling the eat-in kitchen. Lovely wood cabinets, top-of-the-line appliances - even a new floor! Two full baths. This charming house sits on a beautifully mature lot, offering privacy and an in-town location, as well as the sought-after Littlebrook School. Princeton Township.

**\$225,000**

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